Minaville, September 12, 1857.

To the American Systematic Beneficence Society,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Brethren:

At the close of three months' labor as an agent of your society for the dissemination of the principiles of systematic beneficence, I would report as follows: seventy-five ministers conversed with; thirty-two sermons delivered before fifty-three congregations, embracing a communion of about 5,500 persons and an auditory of 24,000.

Very truly yours,

(signed) Sheldon Jackson.

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Theological Seminary, Princeton College.

December 7, 1857.

To the Executive Committee of the Board of Foreign Missions,
of the Presbyterian Church,

Sirs:

In accordance with your usage, I hereby offer myself as a candidate for the foreign service. My age is twenty-four. As to my education, I have passed from the common school through the Academy and College (Union) to the Seminary. My employment when out of school has been farmer and carpenter. As to health, I was completely prostrated three years ago. Having naturally a strong constitution I think that at present I have nearly regained it.

I united with the church in 1853. Immediately upon experiencing the love of Christ in my heart my mind was made up to be (D. V.) both a minister and a missionary. It was to the mission service I was dedicated in infant baptism and I see no reason why I should not withhold myself. At first my attention was directed to the Home Mission field. For the last three years, however, it has been turned to the foreign service. This desire has gradually increased in depth and strength as I have examined the subject and become in some measure acquainted with the religious aspects of the world.

Very sincerely yours,

(signed) Sheldon Jackson.

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Mission House,
New York, Dec. 28th, 1857.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
My Dear Sir:

Your letter of 22d. instant, was duly received, and was to day laid before the Committee. The letter from the brethren of the Albany Presbytery was satisfactory, and you were appointed with entire unanimity, a Missionary of the Board.

Your field among the Indians was not designated, nor at present can we say where the first vacancy will occur. The Otter Mission has been assigned to Mr. Guthrie, who with his wife expect to set out as soon as the travelling opens. As you will not be ready to set out before June, the way may be perfectly open before that time, and we will keep you advised of any thing that occurs, having a bearing on this question.

I am, dear sir,
Affectionately & sincerely yours,
Walter Lowrie.

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Spencer Academy.

Choctaw Nation, Indian Territory,

Oct 8th 1858.

To the Secretaries of the Board of Foreign Missions,

23 Center Street,

New York, N. Y.

Dear Brethren:

My wife and myself left her father's home in New York July 22 en route for Galesburg, Ill., on our way to this our mission station. After tarrying a few weeks with my parents at Galesburg, on the 16th of September we left for St. Louis, where we spent the sabbath the 19th. On the 20th we left on a steamer down the Mississippi River for Napoleon, Ark., accompanied by the Misses Turner, Mills, and Culbertson. On the 24th at Napoleon we transferred from the Mississippi River steamer to a smaller steamer running up the Arkansas River, on our way to Little Rock, Ark., which we reached on the 27th. At Little Rock the party separated, the young ladies continuing up the River to Fort Smith while my wife and I took the stage to Washington and Paraclifton. At Washington, having reached the end of all public conveyances, we were compelled to take a private conveyance to Spencer, 120 miles distant.

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Sabbath, Oct. 3, was spent at a planter's in the woods of western Arkansas. On Monday we reached the mission station at Stockbridge and took dinner with father Byington and the missionaries. Tuesday we passed through Wheelock (Rev. Mr. Edwards's station), staying over night at Pine Ridge Mission (Rev. Dr. Kingsbury), arriving at Spencer, our destination, about 11 o'clock p. m., Wednesday, Oct. 6.

The expenses from Amsterdam, N. Y., to Spencer amounted to $230.26.

Very truly yours,

(signed). Sheldon Jackson.

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Memoranda of Work at Spencer Academy, 1859.

Jan. 1. My wife and myself went on horseback to Pine Ridge. In the afternoon preached at Doaksville preparatory to communion .

Sabbath, Jan. 2. Preached twice and took one of the communion tables. Three slave women were received into the church, two being baptised.

During Jan. 5 wrote my resignation to the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions for the following reasons: first, my time being entirely engrossed in teaching, I had not sufficient opportunity for preaching and my purpose in going to the mission was with the hope of doing more preaching; second, the confinement of teaching and the malarial climate was destroying my health. During the winter had several attacks of bilious fever.

On Jan. 13, having an unusually severe attack of bilious fever I was for the rest of the winter relieved from teaching, and as soon as I was able to, gave my entire time to preaching until I left in the spring.

Jan. 22. Preached at Doaksville.

Jan. 29. At Chickasaw Place. Twenty-four Indians were present and gave serious attention. Lost our way in the woods in trying to reach the preaching place, but was ultimately guided to the place by hearing the horn blowing for the assembly of the people at church. In the p. m. preached in the chapel.

Feb. 2. In the morning went over to the log church in the woods at Chickasaw Station in accordance with the notice given out on the previous sabbath. Through some misunderstanding no one came. In the afternoon went to Aniniantubi Station. Thirty were present.

Feb. 4. Preached at Lukafuppi Station. Lost my way and was late in reaching the preaching place. Twenty-nine were present. On the following Saturday started for Palibok preaching station but failed to reach there in time for meeting, getting lost in the woods.

Feb. 6. Preached at Lukafuppi in the morning. Forty-four present; and in the afternoon held an outdoor meeting at Okchia with forty-three present. and the same afternoon at Aniniantubi, six present.

On the following Wednesday again preached at Aniniantubi with nineteen present. On Friday at Lukafuppi, seventeen present; and at Chickasaw Place on Saturday in the morning with eight present; and in the afternoon at Taliboki with sixteen present.

Feb. 13. Preached at Lukafuppi in the monring with thirty-eight present. At Okchias at noon with thirty-five present, and at Aniniantubi in the afternoon with ten present.

On Wednesday, the 16th, at Thompson's with twenty-six present.

On the 17th attended Miss Elizabeth Dwight's funeral. Friday went to Taliboki big meeting where I camped at with the Choctaws and took my meals with them. About forty present.

On Saturday preached twice at Taliboki.

Feb. 20. The communion services of sabbath with the Choctaws in the

woods were very impressive.

the following Thursday the day of prayer for schools was observed and I preached in the morning from Isaih, chapter xxx, 18th verse. Early in the spring, it having become apparent that I could not live in that malarial climate, and there already being signs of the disturbances and paralysis of all mission work that would come from the approaching contest between the North and the South, I withdrew from the mission and went north to Minnesota for my health, entering the service of the Board of Home Missions.

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THIS IS TO CERTIFY, That the BOARD OF DOMESTIC MISSIONS, acting under the authority and by the order of the GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, on the application and by the recommendation of the Presbytery of St. Paul, have appropriated the sum of three hundred dollars ($300.) to aid in the support of Rev. Sheldon Jackson, as a Missionary to the Norts. of St. Anthony's Falls Mission, for 12 mos. from the time he reaches his field.

In behalf of the Board of Domestic Missions,
JOHN McDOWELL, President.

G. W. Musgrave, Cor. Secretary.

Mission Rooms, 910 Arch St. Philadelphia, June 6, 1859.

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THIS IS TO CERTIFY, That the BOARD OF DOMESTIC MISSIONS, acting under the authority of, and by order of the GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CURCH IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, on the application of the Churches of La Crescent* Neokah & Vicinity, Minn., and by the recommendation of the Presbytery of Winnebago, have appropriated the sum of Three hundred ($300.) Dollars, to aid in the support of Rev. Sheldon Jackson, as Pastor or stated supply of said Churches. This appropriation is for Twelve months, and to commence.....

In behalf of the Board of Domestic Missions,
JOHN McDOWELL, President.

G.W. Musgrave, Cor. Secretary.

Mission Rooms, 910 Arch St., Philadelphia. Sept.5,1859.

Rev. &. Dear Brother.

I take pleasure in forwarding to you the accompanying Commission, in accordance with the application of your Presbytery; and I avail myself of the occasion to express my best wishes for your usefulness and happiness.

Please inform us when you enter upon your labors, in order that we may properly date your Commission.

With fraternal regards,

G. W. Musgrave,
Per R.C.D.

* HoKah.

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No.1186. C O L P O R T E U R ' S C O M M I S S I O N.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, That..... S. Jackson, is hereby Commissioned as a Colporteur of the PRESBYTERIAN BOARD OF PUBLICATION, for the term of One Year, (unless previously revoked,) at the expiration of which time this Commission becomes null and void, and a new Commission must be obtained if he continues in the service of the Board. His field of labour is to be Houston, & adj. Counties.
_____ Minnesota.

May the great head of the Church imbue him with all needful wisdom for this important department of usefulness, and abundantly prosper his efforts.

Given at the House of the Board of Publication, No. 821 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, this
11 day of Septr., A.D.1860.
W. E. Schenck,
Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Publication.

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To Sheldon Jackson:-------

The Board of Trustees of LaCrescent School Dist. having confidence in your ability to examine teachers in relation to their learning, power to impart instruction, and moral character, at a meeting held on the 4" day of July, 1861, appointed you Dist. Supt. of Schools. If you accept this Office you will please comply with the provisions of Sec. Twentieth of the School Law.

In behalf of the Trust.
C. Ferguson,
Tr. Clerk.

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La Crescent Minnesota
August 22nd 1860.

Rev Jno. R. Wilson D.D. & Session

Dear Brethern

It is with great hesitation that I write you being personally a stranger But knowing that your hearts are ever willing to push forward the advancement of the Redeemer's Cause through the medium of our own Zion I would ask your attention to the following facts

One year ago the Presbytery of Winnebago (O.S.) sent me as a missionary to this place There was then only one old School preach for 200 miles along the West bank of the Mississippi river & further on the eastern or Wisconsin side & westward to the Rocky mountains

During the year God has greatly blessed our Zion Four ~~three~~ ~~or~~ small Churches have been organized, and six more are ready to be organized, waiting for men to feed them

God has also greatly blessed us in sending three young men from Princeton to our help. Now we find ourselves greatly hampered for suitable places of worship. & are looking to God to bless us in this also

We for the most part now worship in log School

houses, gate houses, bar rooms &c & even frequently in the groves. This is a serious drawback to our prosperity. Especially is this the case in this village! Our school house is too small & our people too poor to build. In this our trouble we look to God & trust that he is directing me in my writing to you.

This village is on the Mississippi river opposite to La Crosse Wisconsin, which latter place is the western terminus of the La Crosse & Milwaukee & Chicago rail roads. A rail road is being constructed from St Paul through Southern Minnesota to this point where there is an eastern connection via Milwaukee & Chicago. So that ours is a village of some prospective importance.

We was owing to this that Pres sent me here. Our present population is between 2 & 300. Ours the only Evangelical Ch organization as yet. The Methodist have preaching once a fortnight. We number 10 communicants.

We would like very much to build a small plain house worth about ($1000.) one thousand dolars, which, if the place ever demands a larger building, will do for a session house. We have four village lots donated for the purpose, but among ourselves can not raise in money, materials & work over 300. of that sum! So that if we have a house seven hundred dollars must come from abroad. The Bd of Ch Extension can not spare us that amount. So with prayer for divine guidance we write to you & a few others, trusting that God will enable some of you to help us; or if unable to do anything personally, will be able to interest some one else in our behalf. As before seen we stand almost alone of our denomination in Southern Minnesota — a representative church.

Dear Brethern did we not so deeply feel the want of a suitable place of worship & painfully realize the disadvantages we labor under in being without we would not make this appeal. But it is a case of necessity with us.

We know the destitutions you have nearer home, and are well aware of the many calls Southern people have upon their well known ~~generosity~~ liberality, still we know not where else to turn. We look to you in knowing that when it is in your power you delight to advance the interests of our Zion, especially at the north where it adds an additional link to the golden chain of brotherly love which binds ~~us together~~ different sections of the union together.

Trusting that the Lord will enable

you to c[illegible]ise some means for our [illegible]
I remain
Yo[illegible] fellow labourer in the vineyard
Sheldon Jackson

Whatever [illegible] God enables you to raise for us
perhaps it [illegible] will be better for you to give the
the Chann[illegible] of Ch. Eyle. i.e. give
to them with [illegible] the request that it go towards
erection of a [illegible]ch building here.

The pr[illegible]ceeding letter was also written
to the following persons

Rev Benjamin Chase D.D. Natchez Miss
Thos. Henderson Esq " "
Rev Joseph R Wilson Augusta Georgia
Rev Ro. G. Brank[illegible] Lexington Ky
Henry H Pa[illegible] Holly Springs Miss
Robert L Stuart Esq New York city
James Lenox Esq " "
Rev C. G. Lelle[illegible]R Plaquemine La
Rev C. A. Stillman Gainesville Ala
Rev John Dorrance D.D. Wilkesbarre Pa

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Mr Dorney
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In behalf of the Board of Domestic Missions,
John McDowell, President.

Thomas L. Janeway,) Cor. Secretary.
Mission Rooms,910 Arch Street,
Philadelphia, Sept. 30,1861.

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Bro. Sheldon Jackson,
La Crescent, Minn.

Dear Brother:

It is exceedingly painful to us yet we have no choice under the present embarrassments of the Board - but to reduce our appropriations and to renew Commissions for six months only. We pray that God will soon enable us to return to a more generous appropriation to our Missionaries.

No Commission can be renewed without a renewed application by the Presbytery.

Yours in the Gospel of Christ.

2 Rev A Crain
(Chap.)

Foreston January 8th 1862

Dear Bro. Jackson

I have just learned by a communication from Dr. Janeway that I am to receive a box of clothing from Dr McDowell's church, Philadelphia "soon after this" (his communication) "reaches you" (me) — As he says nothing about the point to which it shall be sent, I presume it is to be sent to your care — I conclude also that the Brooklyn box is to be sent to some other brother, as Dr. Janeway does not mention it — I write you therefore that you may not give it or part of it another direction — at any rate before that Brooklyn is heard from. Should any information reach me regarding the Brooklyn box I will communicate to you at once — But I have no expectation now of hearing more from it — Should you announce the receipt of the Philadelphia box for me I will try to arrange for its being brought

out at once – I have written to Br. J. an acknowledgement of the receipt of th[illegible] from Dubuque – We find it useful indee[illegible] as it goes but it comes far short of our w[illegible] at this time – I feel grateful [illegible] your kind efforts in behalf of my family [illegible] that I am under special obligation to [illegible] Christians in my missionary work – A[illegible] pecuniary wants though pressing will I tru[illegible] experience a very sensible relief whe[illegible] "wherewithal shall we be clothed?" is so happily solved –

In much haste for the mail – Yours in the Lord

A. Crai[illegible]

Sheldon
Caledonia
Preston

1860

3. Memoranda

Hollingham James

Reached St Paul on Friday morning, 30th ult. to attend 1st meeting of the Synod of St Paul, then in session.

On Wednesday Oct 5th 1860 I went to Sheldon. On the 13th my family arrived there.

May 5th 1863 moved to Caledonia.

Sept 13th 1865 moved to Lansing

For six months from 1st arrival in Sheldon, preached once a fortnight near Pr, twenty eight miles distant.

Organized Sheldon Ch. you assisting. (you have date.)

Preached over two years in Caledonia after organizing. Have mislaid the date of this organization: recorded in Caledonia Session book.

You also aided in organizing the Preston church — in Nov 1860. You have date. S

Had a hard struggle in both places to establish churches, but God blessed the labor.

Building at Sheldon cost less than $500, a neat chapel 20x32. I went into the timber to assist in cutting logs: helped haul them out to the mill: rafted some logs down creek, myself alone: gathered the rock for the foundation, rolling them down the sides of the bluff: went with team and hauled lumber from the river: helped lath the church and put on first coat of plaster. Did all the painting outside.

Caledonia church cost about $1600. 26x40 Secured the subscriptions and [illegible] them all. Organized with five members at first.

Days of toil and even poverty at first but days of happiness.

Rev James Frothingham

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B.R. Falls, Ariz.,
Nov. 26th, 1882

Rev. A. Jackson,
Dear Brother,

Yours of the 20th inst. was rec'd last evening, & perhaps had been in my box two or three days, for I had not been at the P.O. this week. Of course that gift of some kind friend or friends was right joyfully rec'd. I cannot but think that God has a work for me to do here out in the valley. A week ago last Sat. I had a Communion at Hiyton. We had pleasant time altho' I was ill able to preach on account of a bad cold. I am clear of it now. None were added to the church, altho' I think that one several will be before long. Our church building is

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I received the $7.50, for which I am quite thankful, as it came just at the right time, altho I need nothing as yet, you can retain it in your hands as deposit, as you please. When I visit again, if you can spare me 10 dollars in our bill - you can back it back - you may do so, for the next time I am there, & so in this way I can get it as far as I want it & not run my risk. $7.50 you may retain to for a book or two which I may purchase: Hodge's Outlines of Theology & Hagenbach's History of Doctrines. If you have any opportunity to procure either of these books, procure it for me. I have rec'd one dollar in all for Rev. Barton. Take that out. You will have $6.50 besides $3. which I paid, having sent to me by mail - it came at a time just as I happen to need it. Write at a time if you can get one of that size. I have no opportunity to send to Salem for it if it came back. Thus far. Remember me to Mrs. Archer & all the friends. Yours very truly

J. W. Miller

1 D. Wis. Ins.

5 B.R.F., Wis., Jan 5. 1863.

Rev J.G. Wells

Rev. D.S. Jackson,

Dr. Bro.,

Yours of Dec. 20. was duly received - with the $20 all safe. I hope you have not furnished this money out of your salary - that would be too bad, - rather, what you should not do. I am thankful, however.

We held our Communion yesterday, & had a pleasant meeting, & profitable, I trust, to the church. In two weeks from last Saturday we have appointed a meeting to elect an elder or more than one. Two weeks from the following Sabbath we hope to ordain them. Can you be with us if we will pay your expenses from La C. & back? I know of no one else to assist me, & I think if I had a Bro. with me who could stay a few

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Rev J.G. Miles

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might, with God's blessing, [illegible]
greatly further the cause here.
The meeting will be on the 1st [illegible]
in February. It ought to be [illegible]
Friday or Saturday. I think of [illegible]
& have had a field I have [illegible]
or seem to have. I would wi[illegible]
go to La C. & help you in tem[illegible]
you had not an extra preac[illegible]
or two always there with y[illegible]
I wrote to Mr Bigelow to-day [illegible]
reference to the Church, & he[illegible]
some hope of getting the [illegible]
of it, at least, for a mode[illegible]
rent — if we do not purc[illegible]
it — of which I have not dep[illegible]
I did not get down into the [illegible]
Temp. Val. Settlement, &c.[illegible]
as I had expected, owing to si[illegible]
in Mr Merrill's family. He wo[illegible]
take me down. I intend to [illegible]
another effort next Monday — Jan. 1[illegible]
If you wish to write to [illegible]
people — direct your letter to [illegible]
Frank Ingalls, Whitehall P.[illegible]
Trempealeau Co., Wis. I do [illegible]
but it should be White Hall P. O[illegible]
wards.

Yours very [illegible]

J. G. [illegible]

6 Rev J. B. Wiles

Black River Falls, Wis.,
April 9th, 1863.

Rev. S. Jackson,

Dear Bro.,

I suppose I aught to send you a letter of thanks to be forwarded to that, to me, unknown friend that presented me with those 37½ dollars. I do not know exactly what I should write. I am of course greatly obliged, inasmuch as the money was a relief at that time - a providential favor - just how far we are known so well as I. It enabled me to keep out of debt & prosecute my work without fear of getting in arrears & into perplexity. Since then my friends have been begun to look after my welfare & supply me with various things.

I shall not need any further assistance from individuals, at least this year, & hope that with the aid of the Board I shall get along comfortably. Our little flock in this village are greatly encouraged. Eight persons have united with us recently, so that we number over twenty. Some six or eight more, I hope, will go with us before long, at our next communion probably. Four were added to the little church in Trempealeau Valley on last Sabbath — our Communion. Our cause has more friends in this region, I think, than I could have expected in two years. I trust that God is for us. You will, therefore, thank the kind friend — not of me so much as of Christ — that supplied my need at the very time I most required aid. And I am sure that every one of my people here would feel thankful that others take an interest in them & their cause. I trust that, by the blessing of God, we shall before many years be able to support the Gospel among us, & aid others also that may be then weak & struggling as we now are.

I expect to go to Presbytery. What day will you leave La Crescent? May be I can come in time to go in company with you from your 'City'.

The revival here prevented me from going down to Whitehall as I intended to do. Bro. Frothingham will visit them next week — on Tuesday.

Remember me to Mrs Jackson & the friends — Yours truly

J. G. Wells.

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Owatonna Mar. 20. 1863

Dear Br. Jackson.

Your interest in my behalf leads me to write you again in regard to the Box that has been the subject of our correspondence. On receiving yours of 12 Jan. I immediately addressed a note to Mrs. Eli Merrel 139 Worralemon St. N. York City, sending my measure, and requesting that the Box should be sent to Lacross, unless you had directed otherwise. I expected a line from Lacross informing me of the arrival of the Box at the Express office. As no word came, I employed the Express Agent to enquire at the R. R. Depo. He brings word that he inquired and was informed that no such had arrived there.

If you can give me any information on the subject, it will be gratifully received.

Yours Truly Ebe Clapin

Owatonna April 10. 1863

Dear Br. Jackson,

Yours informing me of the arrival of my Box to your place, was received 2 days after I wrote you in regard to its transmission. I have not yet met with any team going to LeCross, as I had thought but possible, at this time of the year.

If you have not already sent the Barrell, I desire you to send to Hastings (North & Carll) by Express, as being the safest, and easiest to be sure. [illegible] is marked to my proper address.

And thus oblige yours: with my many thanks for your care for one so unworthy

Affectionately
H. Chapin

P.S. The Skirt of which you speak, may taken to Minneapolis (Synod) in Autumn, whence I can take it.

I am sorry that my views on the merits of the war are

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so unpopular: but being so confident
that I stand on the side of the
Holy Scriptures, my joy far exceeds
my sorrow. My convictions on this subject
are such, that no "unity" of human minds
has caused me a serious doubt since
last we met. If sentiments opposed
the plainest teachings of the Bible
which have have virtually excom
municated one half of the Ameri
Church, and have precipitated up
us this terrible War, are not suffici
to incur the judgment of God, the
I am in Error. When God speaks as
does I. Tim. 6:1–8, it is evident that
this was written for our instruction:
But how have we treated this sacre
word? It has been treated with absol
contempt; and the very opposite do
trine has been taught, in the mos
bold and open manner. In this w
observe that not only the law of God
is broken, but his grace is denie
The passage referred to teaches that a S
holder may be a believer, and belove
of God. This implies fellowship with
God: but the feeling which for a
series of years preceded the war, we
"It is wicked to commune with

the rebellion of the South. But the Lord has a great work to do, and a plenty of time to do it. If my views are not right give me the "word and with patience."

"evidence to the contrary."

R. C. Cairn

contradictory to the word of God!"
But the Assembly went no further:
not a word of rebuke or censure
was passed upon those members
who were laboring to effect this
rebellion of our Church against God and his
word. A large portion of the O. S.
Presbyterian Ch. favored the idea of sep-
aration from the South on account of the
public sentiment against holding communion
with slaveholders. These sentiments were powerfully
aggressive upon the public mind; so much so that those
who were least inclined to acquiesce in them, only took in
the public view, an apologetic position, and thus
gave comfort and courage to the enemies of God's word.
But perhaps the darkest feature of this ~~was~~ huge sub-
ject was, The universal neglect, on the part of the
ministers of the free States, at least, to obey the com-
mand of God in 1. Tim 6:2, last clause, and the last
~~of the last~~ clause of the 5th. vers. This neglect ap-
pears the more reprehensible by far, from consideration
of what is said in this passage of those who oppose
its doctrine: 4, 5 vs. For the same features of mind
which the apostle here defines, are precisely those which
~~which~~ the leaders of the Northern Rebellion against the
word of God have developed for the last 30 years. And
yet we were silent! "Dumb dogs that would not bark!"
My Dear Brother I will down in remembrance of my
own neglect. I will not be an accuser of my brethren
not even of the most ultra Abolitionist. But I mourn
exceedingly: not because I stand alone in the expression
of my opinion, but because I believe that our sins of
commission & omission have gone beyond the forbear-
ance of Him who is of purer eyes than to behold iniquity.
No thorough, candid, unprejudiced reader of the Bible, who also
knows what has passed with us the last 30 years, has a doubt
but this war is upon us for the course which, in this, I condemn.

Rev. C. Chapin

Gem now, if the Northern Church would take her stand on the side of the
Bible on all questions pertaining to slavery, it would be sudden death to the

slave holders", and that "All slave holders should be cast out of the church."

I hear it sometimes said that "only a few fanatical Abolitionists took this stand". Well, if it were but a few, yet, in the light of God's word it was not of small account. "A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump." But the number was not few, nor contemptable: large and respectable bodies adopted new creeds with the special object of denying the doctrine of the text. They took what they call "A high stand on slavery" and sneered to other Christians and churches "Stand by yourselves, we are holier than you". They even despised and pitied those who had not courage to come out from the accursed thing.

But the evil did not end here. The whole nation, North and South, seemed more or less to yield under this influence. It is true that our Old School Gen. Assembly, when pressed on by some of their own members with these pernicious sentiments, replied, "We cannot make laws for the church, con-

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Geo.H.Stuart,Chairman,13 Bank St.
Jos. Patterson,Treas. Western Bank.
Rev.W.E.Boardman,Secy.13 Bank St.

U.S. CHRISTIAN COMMISSION,
13 Bank Street,
Philadelphia, July 28th,1863.

Dear Sir:

Yours of the 21st inst. has been received. In reply, I can state that it will afford great pleasure to us, on behalf of the U.S.Christian Commission,if you will at once proceed to the Army of the Cumberland, and labor there in its behalf. You will make application to Mr.John V. Farwell, Chairman of the Army Committee of the Young Men's Christian Association of Chicago, who will furnish you with the proper credentials necessary to the performance of your duties. You need not concern yourself with procuring testimonials, as we are sure that the evidence you give of your intelligence and desire to labor for the Commission, is satisfactory enough to those who can appreciate that kind of effort. We hope--

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Office U. S. CHRISTIAN COMMISSION,
No.13 Bank Street,
Philadelphia, Aug.4,1863.

TO OFFICERS OF THE ARMY AND NAVY OF THE UNITED STATES, AND OTHERS:

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Rev. SHELDON JACKSON

A Delegate, to act in accordance with instructions furnished herewith, under direction of the proper officers, in furtherance of the objects of the Commission.

His services will be rendered in behalf of the Commission, without remuneration from or expense to the Government.

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He is strictly enjoined, if with our forces when a battle is approaching, passing, or passed, to abstain from reporting anything on the subject not authorized by the commanding officer, and in general strictly to observe all Army and Navy regulations, and abstain from casting reflections upon the authorities military, medical, and clerical.

All possible facilities, and all due courtesies are asked for him, in the proper pursuance of any or all of these duties.

GEO. H. STUART,
Chairman U.S. Christian Commission.

By W. E. Boardman,
Secretary U.S.C.C.

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U. S. CHRISTIAN COMMISSION,
13 Bank Street,
Philadelphia, Nov.2nd,1863.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
My dear Sir:

By some means yours of Aug. 28th received Sept. 2nd, has been mislaid and unanswered now just two months. Pardon this strange inadvertence. Your work while in the Army of the Cumberland gave great satisfaction, and it was deeply regretted that your stay should have been cut short both on account of the sickness in your family recalling you, and of the loss of your good services in the field.

I hope and trust you have not hesitated to go forward in the work at home of awakening interest for our work, and securing organization in your place and your region. If you have delayed waiting to have authority givenm you have it from this time forth. We will send you either from here direct, or from Chicago, a pamphlet of Facts to aid you. It contains all necessary information and instruction.

And we should be very glad to have a State organization at St. Paul, and to supply through that Committee any thing and every thing needed for the work amongst the soldiers of the N.W.

Let us hear from you soon again, and next time I will not allow your communication to be laid out of sight by any assistant.

Yours Truly,

W. E. Boardman,

Secy. U. S. C.C.

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U. S. Christian Commission,
Army Committee, Y.M.C.A.

St. Paul, 2d Feb. 1864.

Rev. S. Jackson.

My dear Sir:

You are aware I presume, thro. the letter of Mr. Eggleston & others, that our Assn. has offered itself & been accepted as an Auxiliary to the Commission for this State. We are glad to know that you have had some personal experience in its great work as delegate.

I write you at the request of the Committee to ask if you are still at liberty to act in the same capacity, or if you have <u>any</u> time that you could still devote to it.

We have ford to us from the Comn quite a quantity of reading matter, Tracts, Hymn Books, &c.&c., which we wish to make good use of. You will know that these documents are most gratefully rec'd. by the soldiers & that they open a most useful field by the introduction to them of the one who bears them. We can send them to the dif't Forts & Stations in the State, but feel that much of their influence both upon the men & the Commission will be lost unless accompanied by the presence & voice of some one who represents this great agency for good.

There are nearly 2000 men now at Ft. Snelling,& there is no Chaplain there. We are trying to make arrangments for preaching there on the Sabbath, & are also making an application to have it made a Chaplain Post. But other & more immediate work ought to be done there, that for which our Pastors have no time. We should like to find some one who could spend a fortnight or whatever time might be deemed profitable at that Post alone,and then to visit the other Forts (Ripley & Ridgely,at least) & other stations where soldiers are gathered.

Another part of the work that might be done would be to aid us in bringing the Commission before the people. But little of its usefulness we fear has come to the knowledge of the citizens of our State. We are issuing a circular to the Pastors, requesting collections, accompanying it will be the Com.rs. document "Facts", of which we have some 600 or 700 on hand.

I have not time, and need not write you more fully in regard to what ought to be done here to aid the Commission. We have blank Commissions (signed) and all that is necessary for inaugurating the work if we had the man. You know the Commission's ways in regard to meeting expenses & you are authorized to do what they do in the premises.

We shall be pleased to know as soon as we can whether you can undertake the duties of acting in the above capacity, for as long or as short a time as you can do so. We sincerely hope that you can give a week or ten days to Ft. Snelling so as to know how we can work efficiently then if you cannot go further, we will do what we can with the Chaplains & others who will volunteer to aid us.

Very Respt. & Truly.
Yours for the Army Committee
Geo. W. Prescott, Chairman
H. M. Knox, Cor. Sec.

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Rev. Sheldon Jackson

The Lord reign, let the Earth be glad

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Dear Bro.

I trust the Lord still preserves and prospers you in both temporal and spiritual things. Darkness still hangs over our suffering Nation; but when I turn to the Lord and think of the provisions of his mercy and the promises of his word, I cannot doubt but these adversities will work for the good of the Redeemers. Some of the objections that to the order of our Synod on our country are not in the least related. I believe that our country is ruined unless we come to more just views of our duty in relation to Slavery and its surrounding, than those which have prevailed in the Northern part of the nation, and which so unjustly provoked this war.

The doctrine that Slaves are under no obligation to honor, obey, or submit to their masters, ~~and~~ that it is lawful for us of the North to engage in running off Slaves from the South, that it is lawful to cast all Slaveholders out of the church

But may be worse for the church than our Nation could be.

By this war, the Lord will vindicate to his wisdom, power and goodness, and cause the wrath of man to adhere more closely to the teachings of his word. Do you not believe so?

merely because they are slaveholders; or where Ecclesiastical authorities cannot be made to commit this last offence against plain teachings of the Bible, then that Conventions, ~~Churches~~ Associations; Conferences, Churches, and individual private member, should secede from their own denominations; and that it is duty for those that believe in these doctrines to keep up a perpetual pressure upon the public mind till the North and S. shall be compelled to yield, ~~this cannot be~~ is more iniquity that any nation can sustain. It is indeed replied, "This conduct is chargeable only to a few fanatics, who are not worth regarding?" and the whole North have been under this influence as the trees of the forest under the weight of a strong wind. We have yielded to the leadership of these doctrines, and are now pouring out torrents of blood and treasure for their sustentation. We do not mean it so: but it is meant by the advocates of these doctrines, & so understood by the South. Had our war upon the South proved a success — had it, at small expence, abolished Slavery, humiliated the S. & its results been happy upon the Negro and all parties, those false doctrines would

9. Have been honored by the Children, and the war stopped upon the Bible ground of course, & that truth can be known & that disunion Bands as much as our dark & tyrannic Heart the arms

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The Congregation of the First Presbyterian Church of Rochester, being on sufficient grounds well satisfied of the ministerial qualifications of you - Rev. Sheldon Jackson, and having good hopes, from our past experience of your labors, that your ministrations in the Gospel will be profitable to our spiritual interests, do earnestly call and desire you to undertake the pastoral office in said congregation, in connection with Rev. Geo. Ainslie, our present pastor, and we promise you in the discharge of your duty, all proper support encouragement and obedience in the Lord. And that you may be free from worldly cares and avocations, we hereby promise and oblige ourselves to pay to you in half-yearly payments - a sum according to the ability - God giveth us, during the time of your being and continuing the Co-pastor of this Church.-- In testimony whereof, we have respectively subscribed our names, this 12th day of March, A.D.1864.

	George Ainslie, Pastor & Moderator.
Charles Hagaman	George Miller, Ruling Elder.
Susan Hageman	Margaret Miller.
Sophie Graves	Robert McBride.
Geo. W. Parkhill	Ellenora H. McBride.
Mrs. Parkhill	Robert Elliott.
John Hyslop	Eliza Elliott.
Mrs. Fannie S. Cook.	Michael R. Van Schaick.
John R. Cook.	Francis M. Van Schaick.
F.W. Andrews	Frederick L. Fletcher.
Ebenezer Stanslney.	Antoinette Fletcher.
	John Hyatt.
	Mary P. Hyatt.

Minneapolis, Mar.14/64.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

Not having heard any thing of you. I am afraid my letter to you in St. Paul, (care Merrill) did not reach you. In that letter I urged upon you the Synod Miss'y. ship. And for these reasons (in brief)

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1. You are the first choice, both of Bro. Spier & myself. We would prefer not to weaken our strength in the State by taking one of its most active ministers, but the other reasons show it is best.

2. No outside man can either be obtained at once, or if obtained could go to work at once. And the necessity is pressing, as you know.

3. The uncertainty about funds for another year would deter the right kind of a man from leaving his home-field elsewhere, knowing that at the end of the year he would be adrift again.

Now you know the field better than any one except Caldwell. Caldwell's work does not hold well, and besides he has written a letter to Bro. Spier, making it a condition that the engagement shall be for a term of years. (This action of Bro. Spier, sounding him, and Caldwell's reply came to me the morning you left).

You are at the moment disengaged. You can go right to work. The funds ($800.) are pledged to you on my security. Either Boyd or Condit can take Rochester for the present. And you have the confidence of all of us. Bro. McKee urges it strongly, as for the best interests of Zion. You are in correspondence with many applicants for posts & can take up this part of the work most easily.

Although I must write with great briefness, yet I do it heartily, and with great hopes, that the Lord will open the way for you. If you cannot, then we must try again elsewhere, (in Pittsburgh) or urge it upon Caldwell. But I have given you the facts upon both these.

I know you will pray over it. Whatever decision you make, and I will not therefore seem to urge it unduly. But I want you to be assured of one thing, that you will have our entire confidence, and help in the work.

Affec. your Brother in Minn. labors,

Robert Strong.

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P.S. Kind regards to Mrs. J. I trust she will consent.

$65. just received from Rev. W.H. Kirk, Belvidere, N.J.

Lakeresent May 2.
(1864)

Dr Bro Jackson:

I have just rec'd your letter in which was enclosed the $100, which I will attend to at once.

The Church is not getting along as fast as it would probably if you were attending to it yourself but you must remember I am a green hand in these matters & must learn a little experience. But now with the Bro's blessing it will be pushed right through, & I will devote all my energy to it. I have labored under many difficulties in connection with it such as the departure of the Carpenters

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brooms, & other little things of a like nature but I will have a Carpenter from our own place & Salesmen & he will be under headway in a few days. & I trust by the time you return to invite you to preach in our New Church. — A Number of those who have subscribed have "gone off" some to the Army some, somewhere else but they will not interrupt us.

Everything — otherwise — is moving oh pleasantly down there, & they have met great kindness but as yet but little to the Lord. Those for whom you had much hope have scarcely justified that hope but we can look & pray & trust the Lord to bless.

There is quite an interest in our little town but it must be none if souls are really awakened & brought to Christ. We remember you in our prayers & I mentioned your visit at our Prayer Meeting asking the Lord's people to remember you both there & in their closets & I trust you will behold the fruits of their petitions.

I am afraid I shall never hear the end of praises of your energy perseverance & other qualities from your people here & it's a good thing I am not envious or I might think they should remember some of my own good qualifications but

in truth perhaps they want to stimulate me to imitation. How can I write all I want to say in a letter? Please answer Questions I propound

(1) Who do the Messengers belong to?

(2) Where do you get your Paper for Sabbath School?

Bro. When you go to Phila. I want you to insist upon Br. Jenning's paying me the full sum. He has allowed me $200, for the two Churches but you know how necessary it is at this time for me not to be "cut down."

Tell him of the many additional expenses I which I am put to &c. &c. Dear bro. the

matter to you for you'll know just what to do & just how to get it. But don't forget that I shall need it.

Mercer has been with me about 3 weeks — I am "old Cron" still goes in for "exhorts" & the Methodistic style of opposition to Education in Christ & little matters of that nature.

Mrs McMichael lost a sister last week very suddenly — she came on a visit to her & died while there — I have not yet seen her owing to her absence but I think the Lord will bless this affliction to her — It was a severe one.

A young man, a Presbyterian refined — has come to Brownville & will perhaps stay.

I trust you do not think
me uninterested in you
but think there that you do not
give me any knowledge of
your work!
A letter from you will always
be welcome & I assure you
I have a deep interest in all
that concerns you & a real
& earnest desire for your
success
I will not accept answers to
my letters but will write
when I have anything to
communicate.

Your Bro in the Lord
W D Parrott

Appropriations
for Rev Wm Mercer

Appropriations 1878 & Missions 2378
Wm Mercer 2.23 - per Conf
J.E. Thirlo 2.00
Jno C B Phillips 2.23 - 3.00
H.L. Crum 2.23 -
Wm Phillips 2.23 -
A.J. Smith 2.23.

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David Terrore

White Hall, Feb. 24th 1864.

Dear Brother Jackson.

Your letters were both received - and also the parcel of clothing you were so kind in sending me. I feel very grateful - & will write a few lines to Mr Rockwell acknowledging the gifts. They fit very well indeed - & some of them were in good season. Rev Mr Wells was here last sabbath. He came on Thursday & stayed over sabbath. I was glad to see him - especially as I was quite unwell from cold in my throat & lungs so much so - as to be unable even to attend the service on sabbath. On the previous sabbath I broke through the ice in the river & had to return home & make a change in my clothing before preaching - I guess I took cold then - but am now better. I was sorry Mr Wells & I could not go around a little more visiting But I hope we will have another opportunity at some future time. He informed me of a meeting of presbytery at Eau Claire in April - I have been thinking of writing home for my letter - & of asking for ordination at that meeting - & then (providence permitting) going on from there to the East - to make arrangements with a view to a more permanent settlement here - I should be very glad to have company with me - if either yourself or Miss Vorhes intend going - will try to make it so that we can go together.

My present commission will end at the end of next

month. I think I will prepare my report abt the
middle of March & then forward it to you to se
along with an application for a renewal of m
commission if you are prepared to do so.
This would enable me to know in time to
arrangements for my ordination &c —
There is nothing very new here except
little trouble I have met with in my school a
=ments which was brought about by 2 or 3 Godless men
who preferred another teacher in the school of their
own kind. It was a most unkind & unprincipled
transaction as you would see if you could know
all the circumstances. But they of course have
not succeeded. I have been supported by the better class
of both parents & scholars & altogether the majority.
It would perhaps have been better had I not had
any thing to do with the school. But in the end
believe it will result in good. The next trouble may be
in having the use of the schoolhouse for preaching.
But I begin to see a prospect of having a little ch
of our own & mean to make the effort when East
to raise some money for that purpose & then with the
continued help of the people here & the Building Soc
I think we could succeed. I think if I go East to return
it would be well to improve that opportunity —
No more at present. With kind regards to the family
I remain yours &c D. McLeod

It is necessary both to health & comfort & so of course to usefulness, to have it — you as we are trying to do our own work. Calico, because it can be washed seems to be needed — Enough for a dress for myself & many and for two or three aprons I would like very much — I can also make over any other dresses that may be on hand — In a wealthy home there are many things cast off as no longer of use, that would suffice to make the humbler home of the Missionary quite cheery & comfortable. Old Chintzes & Morrin's something to cover old chairs & lounges that need to be renovated so often where everything is for use & used daily — Shoes for myself & children good stout ones are suit — My one size is 3½ Mary no 4 — the other, for a boy 13, large foot — a boy of four a large foot — & a little Girl of 8 with a long slim foot — any clothes for them will come in play — a cap or hat for the little boy of four who is large of his age & has a large head — The rest of us have bonnets & also owing to the wonderful kind Providence of God a supply of white clothing — My husband who weighs

two hundred, needs very
much two pairs of flannel
drawers, a pair of good
substantial pants & a pair
of boots & some pocket hdks
For the rest, anything is be
used in a house, pins needles
laces buttons, yarn or poke
hdks stockings, gloves, &c &c
the missionary's family ca
use — nothing can scarcely com
amiss — This seems a formid
-able list, but there are
wants of our family at pres
for the coming cold winter
God has been very good
& kind to us. I doubt not
he will remember us still
Blessed be His name —
Yours much obliged Mrs Lyon

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St Paul Oct 6th 1864

Dear Mr Jackson

I have given you a full description of my family wants &c - such as, if you think best, can be sent back. We will postpone purchases as long as we can in view of getting a boy early. Wife does not want a boy from Troy Albany or Waterford because she is known in that region, and as my last boy came from Phila it would be well to buy this from some other place - It is only in view of the necessity of supporting my family upon my salary of the inability of our people to do as much as they have done heretofore, owing to failure of crops by border raiders & I write to be with the dear &c - that I am writing

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Now to accept a trip - During
the past year I have been
engaged in selling my "New
American Encyclopedia" and
a new English edition. I began
last last year in order to
get along. I will probably be
compelled to make more
efforts of a similar kind
but hope to be able to
devote myself more earnestly
& successfully to the Ministry
soon & to work with an
eye & heart to God for all
need - My prayers in behalf
of Northfield - Write me
as soon as you can - Cheer
me with the intelligence
Mrs health is improving
May you be greatly blessed
in your great work & reward
yours in Christ
N. W. McN

St. Anthony, Oct. 12/64.

Rev. S. Jackson,

Dear Brother:

Bro. Riheldoffer, declines for the present, at least, the appointment of 4 . I have just written the Rev. R.B.Abbott, who visited here a few weeks ago & with whom I & Bro. Riheldoffer both talked on this subject. We both were favorably impressed with his suitableness. I have therefore, in your absence, offered him the appointment. Do you approve ? If he accepts, what directions or suggestions. If he declines who would you suggest. How shall we act as a Com. Or who shall be a Com. of the whole to act for the balance. We ought to have some understanding. I feel to be assuming too much in making the above appointment. But somebody must act as the King's business requires haste. Give your views. Mrs. McKee is better. Hope you are well ere this.

Yours Fraternally,

James A. McKee.

P.S. If Abbott fails to accept, I mean to try next the Rev. S. Jackson. And will take no denial. You might confer a little with him beforehand on the subject. Regards to Bro. Anslie - & our friends, your teachers.

J. A. McKee.

Faribault Oct. 29th 1864

Dear Bro. Jackson

Your kind letter has been received some days since I feel very grateful to you for your efforts to help along these hard times I deferred writing until I would get my letter from Ill. It is now on hand so I am ready to join our Bro. at any time you may appoint. I will be most happy to hear from you at any time wishing you great success in your field with kind regards

I remain

Yours Sincerely

James Cochran

St Charles
Nov 18th 1864

Dear Brother

Here is a list of articles which we much need, 3 brown shirts neck band 17 inches wristband 9 inches, black suit, pair of common winter hats, socks, mittens, or gloves any kind of wrapping are acceptable, etc, each-much need a heavy winter shawl, bow ness. a winter dress woollen stockings, sack for in doors wear under flannels one or two heavy comfortables 2 yards square last winter we used our buffalo robes and need a heavy shawl or blanket or heavy overcoat to throw over all, on my rides over the country during the winter

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I mentioned to you our anticipation in reference to our family having an increase at as the Lord will and you may see for such things as you seem proper to be necessary under such circumstances. We have no this respect prepaid for such a venture in the way of dress. Brother you thought I speak of my journey during the winter, about 80 miles to reach my appointments and other schools through deep snow and cold weather, and to enable me to get through and reach these appointments on the Mitchell circuit have to carry axe and wedge. dig and cut my way through drifts and fences often. By speaking of these things

they will have some idea what we need to make us comfortable. We will be very much obliged to you for securing such comforts for us if it is perfectly convenient. Brother there is no one you can large enough to know our circumstances our wants and our duties we are doing. May the Lord guide and direct and at the same time make us equally an gathering souls into the kingdom of God amen. And at last crown us with eternal life in glory.

Your brother in the Gospel

W F Craven

Not wished we have mentioned a you thought we need such or than

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Eau Claire Wis
Nov 21st 1864

Dear Br Jackson

Your note with contents was received a few days since - I need hardly say how much I was surprised at the goodness of God in sending me such a present. You doubtless have learned from Br Lee my situation here, that I have resigned and expect to leave by Spring, &c I am making efforts to become a Post Chaplaincy with considerable success, but what the result will be cannot tell. God has dealt with us so graciously of late, and has so interposed in our behalf that we can trust Him very confidently & cheerfully for the future

We are getting ready to leave on short notice should such become our duty - selling off what we can spare, paying up my debts &c - Upon return from Fond du Lac we found Lizzie our eldest daughter just coming down with typhoid fever. She has been very low and is just commencing to sit up and walk a little. Minnie also was quite sick for a week but we broke up her fever by the use of water & she is now quite well. Wife's health is not very good.

I enclose a letter to my unknown friend - This present was a noble one, & came just when much needed - I thank you my dear brother for your kindness in the matter & in reference to the boy - I have heard nothing concerning the boy, but it will come at the right time I doubt not - I wish you all a happy Thanksgiving - I have a turkey promised me - I can write no more at present as I must hasten with this to the post office. Wife joins me in kindest regards to yourself & Mr Jackson -

Yours in Christ

W. R. McNair

Please read the enclosed and forward it -

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Caledonia Nov 22 1864

Dear Thos Jackson,

I fully expected to be with you last week, but was not able to leave. I am really sorry - for it was a disappointment to myself - perhaps others. Hope that you had good meeting.

The Brainard Church of Cortland had already offered me a call when yours arrived. I must decide. The Lawrenceville lot will be written to Br Potter, then if he wants it. Meanwhile I should write to Br Grossman, knowing that the lot when prepared will come perhaps more, understanding that I am if John will take it. Of course you may reply to Lawrenceville if you think best.

I am pleasantly situated now. Hope that you are getting on well.

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Dwell is elected Council, followed by a few others, all on the (Republican) ticket by 150 Majority. Benton is Sheriff. Mr. Church is due practice of politics, but thinks of leaving in a month or so. The Land Office is vigorous.

I have no horse, and am walking up to a professional one.

Mrs. H. joins me in regards to yourself and Mrs. S.

Yours truly
Thos. Wittingham

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Mrs L. C. Lyon

Pomona Dec 7th /64

My dear Mr. Jackson

I am very reluctant to intrude my domestic matters upon your attention when you have so many cares of your own but I wish to know whether you know if Mr Jackson contemplated the letter for a box for us. I mentioned it to him when he was here without having time to explain that we expected to share with the Pittsburghers in a box from Cincinnati. The "Box" has arrived and I am well supplied with flannel & the substantials in general. Health continues good & seems to absorb all the contents of the box besides — S

There was nothing for Johnny
on Sunday — absolutely nothing
Now my question is where
to get — Clothes for them, as
Sunday has only one suit for
school & church which will so
be done with — If there was
anything coming through Mrs —
sneaks I would wait for the
a while — if not — I must write
to Mr Lynn to get a boy for
them from N Y or some place
a boy not twenty-five with
dollars which I can illy afford
to do at present — Can
you write me at your earliest
convenience & let me know if
Mrs I — wrote anything further
about it.

Want you come down
& spend Christmas week with
in Mr Jackson's absence. I
would enjoy a visit with you
very much. My sister is nearly
though still very weak — We are all
usual health — Guess off Mrs D C F

Owatonna Dec. 7 - 64

My Dear Mr. Jackson

Your Note addressed to my Wife, was received by yesterday, in company with the Barrel and Package, by the hand of Mr Mercer: all apparently right.

My Dearly Beloved Wife was not here to receive your kind Salutation, of the benefactions of those unknown friends, who have so bountifully supplied our bodily wants. May the Lord bless you and them with the comforts of everlasting life and glory.

I am afflicted. Nevertheless, I am comforted in the

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confidence that my much loved, and faithful and loving Wife has gone to be forever with the Lord. The last Eight days of her life, her sufferings were constant and intense. She complained that her mind was so overborne and distracted by pain that she could not collect her thoughts as she desired. But her mind was clear to the last, and unwavering in hope of future happiness. You will find a very brief obituary in the Presbyterian & Observer.

I believe that Mrs Rice is with you; give her my kind remembrance.

I thank your Husband for his kind offices in our behalf. Remember to Br. & Sis Ainsley. Yours in C. H. Chapin

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The exchange of articles of which you speak, I presume is all right.

For some of the articles sent, I shall not find ready use in my family; but they can be sold or exchanged for things we do really need. Myself and my two Boys need Coats, Pants, Vests, Shoes, which must be supplied very soon. If others need more than I, I am ready to impart; and shall do so when duty is made known to me. yet, I shall find use for all in the way I speak, if no opportunity occurs demanding the other course.

Yours H. C.

Mrs. Caston

21 L. Herron

Hixton, Jackson Co. Wis.
Dec. 16th 1864.

Dear Br. Jackson –

Your very kind note inclosing $50.00 has been received. Mr Wells had it one week before seeing me which accounts for the delay in answering. I have written a note of thanks to Dr. Gorman.

I had just returned from a donation which had been held at Mr Woolhouse's. It was deemed best to have whatever had been subscribed collected in that way. But it did not prove very successful & if circumstances connected with that subject were only fully stated you would agree with me in regarding the generous gift as truly a gift in season & on some accounts all the more acceptable.

May the Lord abundantly reward

these kind - considerate friends - for their substantial tokens of interest in His cause - & may we His servants feel ourselves - under greater obliga=tions to be dilligent & faithful in the work to which we are called -

I am just preparing to attend to preaching engagements in the Pinehill neighbourhood 20 miles distant - I will not return till Tuesday - & will then have a long journey before me to Winnsboro - to preach for Mr Lyon - I had promised him to go for first sabbath in January - Mr Wells to go the last sabbath in Dec - He has prevailed on one however to go for both days so as to make one journey do all - & then he will come & help me at some extra services at Whitehall to make up for one sabbaths absence there - If it were not so far I really love to go & see you - Mrs Herron will not accompany me. This wintry weather is so changeable - it would not be pleasant - She will probably improve the time in visiting some of the friends at Hickton. We are both well - and doing as well as could be expected in our "snug quarters" - We had a very pleasant surprise lately in a visit of Aunt Mary Mc Intyre of Perth - & two cousins - She was on a visit to her brother at Wilmington & Olivers came on to see us - She had a "hard" time getting here from Sparta - But I got a conveyence from here to take her back - which was much better - I was glad she came - It will give people East better ideas of the West to see for themselves - & I hope enlist more of their sympathy in the cause for which we are here - Our rooms at present are quite small - but comfortable for winter - & in Spring we hope to get into a better house - We of course are

housekeeping — Fortunately there was a good friend living near by us — so we "contrived" to entertain our visitors very comfortably —

As for clothing — the most I need is a warm coat & pants for every day use — something like a business coat — But unless you find it convenient to send, don't trouble yourself —

With much love to Mrs Jackson

I remain

Your sincerely

David Henry

There is a man here about to leave & settle in Minnesota & I am anxious to have him get into a good neighborhood where he would have preaching &c —

If you know of any good farms for sale — you might write —

He has some means —

Mr. H. Chapin

by [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
and more vivid realizations of the things earthly,
and set their affections on things above, where Christ sit-
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of God.

Yours H. O. Lapin

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Prescott, Wis. Dec. 26. 1864.

Dear Bro. Jackson.

An attack of jaundice prevented an earlier reply to your kind note of the 14th. The remittance of Mrs. Merrill was very timely, & the clothing you speak of would be very acceptable in my family. Our children (all boys) are aged respectively 10, 8 & 5½, & their height is 3 ft. 5½ inches, 4 ft. 1 inch, & 4 ft. 2¼ inches.

A package sent by Express should be directed to me at Prescott & sent to Hastings Minn. which is our nearest Express office in the winter.

I go over in 4 weeks to Farmington, Dakota Co. Minn. on the stage route from Rochester to St. Paul. I <u>might</u> get a package from there without delay or expense, if left there with Mr. Black, Merchant & P.M. But I presume the Express to Hastings would be more reliable. S

May God reward you for all your kindness & His blessing distil bountifully upon your people.

Kindest regards to Sister Jackson

Fraternally

Charles Thayer.

24 W.W. McNair

Eau Claire Wis.
Jan. 7th 1865

Dear Br Jackson

Your very kind letter with contents was recd yesterday, I know not how to express my appreciation of your interest in our welfare. We feel to bless you very thankful to you and to the good friends each, and our prayer often is that God would abundantly bless those who have so liberally aided us. I have never been placed in circumstances when I have been called upon to trust so implicitly in God's gracious Providence, & when that trust has been so signally & variously honored by God. Wife's health has been very feeble for two months, and her troubles are of such a character that it seems necessary that she should as soon as possible be relieved of the care of such a family & put

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where he can have competent medical advice & treatment. I have thought we decide to have her visit Dr Gee Lord of Boston, and am expecting to receive a regimental Chaplaincy and we in Providence's army if I can again favorably concerning it, and to leave me next month. We are making arrangements to invade in the Indian among relatives &c and do not expect to keep house again for a year or so. Wife will visit among her relatives most of the time with occasional exception.

Lizzie, who was so ill, has recovered. My own health has not been as good as usual for a few weeks past.

The church is scarcely holding its own. Spirituality is at a low standard. I hope God will soon send them a good minister. I wish you had informed me concerning your work at R. Please do so.

I received a trunk of Nothing last week from Dr Van Dyke's church. It was made up with very little regard to my letter stating wants &c. The overcoat, the thing I wore all this I need & which from my letter I expected would be a good one, turned out to be a second hand well worn Smith cotton thin state coat which does not fit at all & which the tailor says will not pay to be made to fit. The Sec will furnish me with a good heavy state coat just what I must have. The pants are all second hand & do not fit me. There was a vest & drab coat sent which fit but which I did not need. Of dress for the girls & outside clothes for the boys and stockings & towels which I specially needed there were no boots one drab for the three girls one suit for Henry, none for Andie, two overcoats second hand for a boy about 4 years older than Henry, one of which I have given to Charlie, a few white second hand stockings &c. But there were boots & shoes which were

good & needed & many under clothes which I did not wish now but will come in use some time - to drop patterns for wife - shirts for myself not needed now &c &c - in a trunk full & with considerable which would have been much more valuable had it been prepaid after directions of my letter.

How are you all getting along on in Mich. I feel sad often in view of leaving the work, and I feel that I go forth not knowing what strait shall me & mine - The Regt chaplain is something of an experiment so far as my health is concerned - I have heard nothing from my Washington papers & friends - The acceptance of Regt chap will give me an opp to visit N. York after my papers But I await the leadings of Gods good Providence. Please write again now - Wife is on a visit to the Falls - Children join me in love to you & yours - God bless you

Affectionately Yours
in Christ Jesus
N. N. M.

Pleasantville Jan 25th 65

Dear Sir.

Your recent letter was duly received. The $70 check, I think came from my former Donor, of Shippensburg. I have not yet found time to look up our correspondence, to compare the names. I shall do it, and soon write, directing as you admonish. All the benefactions coming to me through the hands of my fellow men, I of course receive as from Him who feeds the ravens, and especially regards the wants of his believing people.

Tell Mrs. Jackson that our Daughter was thought by both her parents, too young to dress in mourning, (black) Moreover she has a good supply for some time, having received through your own hands the articles she needed. The dress will do for some one who needs them more.

I thank you and your good Wife for your care for us in our sorrows.

We are all well, and comfortably provided for by the care of a precious Providence. I hope to see you at Exeter

friendly, on the appointed day. I hope we shall have a profitable meeting of our whole Presbytery.

Yours truly

H. Chapin

Rev. Sheldon Jackson

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Hartford Conn.
Feb. 7th 1865

Dear Dr. Cushman

I am your
for your kind remembrance of
me — and thanks to the
Lord for such kind friends
& for the gifts the disposition
and the ability to obey that com-
mand, "Bear ye one another's bur-
dens and so fulfil the law of Christ."
This $10 is very acceptable and
encouraging indeed —
I had long thought of sending you
some account of myself and
work about which you kindly in-
quire — During the last year
we called to the death of our
eldest son Dr. A. G. C. of
Litchfield, Conn. When the

could — my presence first came
complained — seemed impossible —
But his anxious wife had written
that he was much disturbed in
mind and urged that no other coun-
sel & consolation should be his lot —
could — My daughters begged me to
collect their school wages — they
both taught school — and fly as
fast as possible to his relief — I
went — but when I reached him, his
reason had fled — and in a few
days, he was no more among the
living — He had been seriously ill
for several months with a final dis-
ease — but his wife had thought
not best to alarm me — hoping
from week to week that he would
recover — It was a sad disappoint-
ment that I was unable to have
the least rational conversation with
him — Yet it was some satisfaction
that his mind seemed to give my
presence above the presence & sympathies
of all his friends — The journey proved
more expensive than I had expected
But through the mercy of God I
have survived it, and had a safe
return home — You have doubtless
seen that the Foreston church has
become Congregational — In this step
or Somerset various circumstances
led — It was feared that Mr. Jones
(now their pastor) would not be
received by the Dubuque Presby. on
account of his deficient classical
education — and the prospect of
more efficient aid in church erec-
tion led by the Home Miss. Soc.
had materially considerable
weight — With the leading gentlemen
of the place it would not matter
what the denomination or creed of
the church or minister, provided

the decision of the village
be made to Florida — Yesterday
(Saturday, except one of the public
walks) the meeting of the council
and was invited to sit as corresponding
member — This gave me an opportunity of witnessing in part the examination of the candidate for ordination and of hearing a sermon in favor of Congregationalism as the primitive and Scriptural form of government of the Christian Churches — I
am doubtful that had Mr. Jones applied to any of our Presbyteries for licensure or ordination, he would be rejected as deficient both in the literary and classical attainments — He seems to be a good man, and I think he may be useful — He is likely to succeed Reading his position so long allows the lead of his principal [illegible]

But my sheet is nearly exhausted — I can tell you nothing of any work — [illegible] last day in the afternoon left the [illegible] travelling [illegible] school [illegible] will [illegible] and we count of [illegible] [illegible] All send love to you & all w. f.

St Charles
Feb 9th 1865

Dear Brother

Your letter was very acceptable bro's our expectations quite considering in reference to the purchase lot for us. The box came during last week, and on receiption of it we found we had raised our expectations a little too high. Instead of enjoying a full receipt of the pies we thought to receive in a considerable ball, the other seemed very much disappointed. Will it cannot be request to me to write Uncle a letter as soon as we receive before the company leave, I will try to do the best I can under the circumstances. Perhaps since

[illegible] for the [illegible]
the [illegible] consequence [illegible]
[illegible] again [illegible] times and —
[illegible] to do differently the
[illegible] 1.1 the feel thankful
[illegible] every little favor we receive
[illegible] Christ. And hope the [illegible]
will teach us of the Holy Spirit
[illegible] to appreciate all these
favors, we know that we are
unworthy of the least of these
[illegible] through the infinite
love of God. I am allyes your
Brother for ever that you have
done for us in writing an
interesting for us. May the Lord
bestow his richest blessing upon
you. The individuality of the Holy Spirit
and all the labor and sacrifice
you make for your brethren
[illegible] for every thing we need. By the
presence of your Divine Saviour.

The contents of the box, viz. this
1 bed quilt 1 Shawl 2 Cotton
shirts, 2 Cotton flannel under
shirts, 2 pair of drawers, 4 pair
cotton stockings, old silk pocket
handkerchief, 2 calico dresses, 2 pair
under clothes, 1 out cloth of Mary
Lynn, Rosa Gay, 2 pair of shoes
2 children need patch some of them
2 pair boots and pickers, clothes so
[illegible] worth; the shawl on the
box paid 75. Every thing in the
cloth is so light we had fitted
there would have been some
thing in the box I could have
for letter and every box for me. There
will be some duty provided that
we know. The ride thus far
our friends are very kind and are
providing nice for us in almost
every thing. Money does not come
as easy as some other things which
we might purchase such as [illegible]

Mr Meeser sent last night
with us, he left this morning
I did not tell you where he
going. I perhaps we may
see him for ourselves,
Mrs C. writes she has
left again

Your Brother
W L. Crane

If you should hear or see a
cert that would doubt for me
among the Parrots here put to
you for his creation remember
Crane

Pleas send me the address
of Mrs Davidson again. I
have lost the letter and
address. There is no mention
of address on the letter I received
and have your letter it was
he sent to Mrs Davidson

Met James, Jr at Galesville — Have not yet done much to our new church.

Hixton, Jackson Co. Wis
Feb. 10 - 1865.

Dear Bro Jackson

I have received by this weeks mail — two letters from you. One dated Dec 15th & the other Jan — 23d. Mr Wells had laid the first away & overlooked sending it —

Hence my delay in answering. Your letter enclosing draft had been received, & I wrote you accordingly & also to Rev Dr Guzman.

I am indeed very thankful for the additional gift of $10.00 & will write the lady who sent it.

I am sure we cannot but feel grateful for your great kindness in remembering us in this way.

We hope you have not denied yourself in making this disposition of the funds — We know

you are in a new field - where your salary may be limited as well as mine & should be sorry if you overlooked your own wants - in attending to the wants of others. As for the coat you speak of - I do not wish to trouble you - or to have you send it - if there is any one else in need of it. I will not deny that I am greatly in need of some kind of wearing coat - as I think you would say if you only saw it - Mrs H has long since counted on it for a rag carpet.

As for the way of sending anything of that kind - You might please send by express to Sparta Monroe Co. Wis. & then I will have some one there - pay the charges on it - & forward it by the stage. You need not pay charges in advance. Since I last wrote you Mrs H. has been quite sick - but is now better. It was dysentery. On my return from Winona she had a large washing & after being overdone & heated - sat down on a damp floor that had been mopped - & took cold - which is a ready cause for that weakening disease. We could have wished very much for some good Eastern physicians to prescribe for us - but have reason to be very thankful to a Kind Providence - that blessed the means employed so that she is now entirely recovered.

We had attendence from Dr Johnston Hiscton - who was very kind & attentive - as were all the friends around. I enjoyed my visit to Winona very much & made the acquaintence of interesting friends there. On my way home - met Bro Wells at Galesville - who brought me home on Tuesday - He had

been there assisting Bro F. at the dedication. We had a donation for the benefit of Bro Wells & myself a short time since. It was very largely attended. The amount raised was $198-00 which is nearly double what was raised last year. I had my Melodeon there & it seemed to be the great attraction of the occasion. It is to be hoped that this people will soon begin to realize the duty of supporting the gospel. But it must have its time. In all such matters we have to be cautious & give no ground for offence — Mrs H. desires to be remembered to yourself & Mrs J. We could both wish you lived a little nearer — I think I will take her with me to Winona in Spring — when presbytery meets — & if spared till next Fall — we will hope to have an opportunity

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Prescott, Mis. Feb. 28. 1863

Dear Mr. Jackson

I have just returned from my monthly trip to Farmington &c. The excursion & rest was invigorating & very pleasant. Our ride was pleasant.

Found the "Fox" at Empire & took it home. Mr. Spencer will. All things safe. The articles are all important & of great value in our business, adding so much to our comfort & convenience.

I will write acknowledgements to the kind friends you mentioned.

Very many thanks also to you, for your kind agency in the matter. Our great inquiry of such acts of communication is the development of sympathy between giver & receiver & all parties concerned.

Best regards to Miss Jackson

Yours in the cause of R.

Charles Sayles

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Prescott, Mis. Feb. 28. 1863

Dear Bro. Jackson

I have just returned from my monthly trip to Farmington &c. Had communion & rec'd two interesting young ladies. One was baptized.

Found the "Box" at Empire & took it home. It "opened" well. All things safe. The articles are all substantial & of great value in the family, saving us large outlays & adding much to our comfort & convenience.

I will write acknowledgments to the kind friends you mentioned.

My warm thanks also to you, for your kind agency in the matter. Our real benefit of such acts of communication is the development of sympathy between giver & receiver & all parties concerned.

Best regards to Sister Jackson

Yours in the gospel of P.

Charles Thayer

one of the <u>deserving</u> poor — I'm too "shiftless" for that, but perhaps you will [illegible] which a certain effect for [illegible] other — I'll promise to be thankful if you can help me out of my difficulties —

Do not take the trouble to look today, but if you find that you have old <u>Sermons</u> you to Geo. will sell some time, and may come for them — <u>Perhaps</u> we do not need but for sermons I am in [illegible]

I am sorry to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] meeting. Look what I [illegible] [illegible] can every [illegible] —

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Dear Mrs Jackson,

The day is so tedious I do not think it will do for me to come out — Mr A. says "I will not go without you" — I want to come badly enough, but stand in fear of an Ague — Christine has gone home for all winter, and I have been overdoing — I wish Mr. Jackson would send word that he wants Mr. A — wife or no wife, on important business, I don't like him to stay home for an ailing wife's headache — Johnnie undertakes to carry a pail of milk for mixing — not near enough for use otherwise — If I had a pail with a cover, either for you or Mrs Rice, I could let you have milk for griddle-cakes or dumpling once or twice each week. — I shall try to come down to-morrow ea[illegible] enough [illegible] call on you, if the prayer meeting — i.e. if you will not be too busy, & I can get away — Yours truly

M. E. Arnold

because I must earn me a shawl or get along somehow"

Really it is a blessed thing for an aged mother to have a good daughter. Wonder if your daughter & mine will be so good to us in our old age. Don't take the trouble to send the things. I will call for them myself, one time — unless she, if is at your house with the wagon, in which case they can ride up, but don't trouble her, Jackson to bring them. I was ashamed that he should bring the pants —

Yours truly

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[illegible] particularly rest. — Christine my good Norwegian helper has returned, and I have found true what I some time suspected, viz that while her friends keep her home half the year to help them, they take a great part of her wages to clothe & feed themselves. Her parents are exceedingly poor, living with a thriftless, drinking son, and too old & feeble to do any thing for themselves. He gives them shelter, and a kittana of flour — otherwise they depend on Christine's wages & what little they can get from a cow. Her father over 80 years of age is scarce able to do any thing. If you have any thing remaining in the barrel which you do not know how to do better with, if you will let me have it, I will see that Christine's parents have the benefit of it. No matter what it is, I will take the responsibilaty of seeing that nobody's feelings are hurt. I once gave her an old pair of Mr. A's pants so worn that Mr A. thought them past field work, thinking they would afford patches for a better pair. I find they have been promoted to the dignity of the old gents "go-to-meeting" pants. So I think old clothing in her hands will come to good use. — I presume she will be just as grateful for winter clothing, as for summer, even though out of season, as she will go home for harvest work, and could help to fit them up for fall wear — If you have not given away the old quilted skirt which

you mentioned, I know that she would be par-
ticularly thankful for it — She does not know —
that I am saying any thing to you of any such matter;
so it will be no disappointment to her, if you have dis-
posed of all the articles — You will wonder why I have
waited till this late day to mention it to you — because
I did not know until today how large a burden she
had laid on her young shoulders — I think she keeps the
5th command both in the letter & spirit of the law. A warm
comfortable second hand cloak which I sent her, and which
I remade for herself, has been left at home, while she has
returned with out a thin coat. On enquiring for the cloak

Prescott Wis. Dec. 13th. 1868.

Dear Bro. Jackson

Your very kind letter of Nov. 30th. reached me at Farmington last week. I now return thanks for your kindness in regard to clothing &c. It seems as tho my income ought to support & clothe my family; yet I find so many places for every dollar that a box of clothing is a great relief, & enables me to invest a little in a dozen miscellaneous things so necessary in our missionary churches. The last number of our H. & F. Record, first article, speaks of my field. We expect to move there next week. I hope the Lord has a work there for me to do.

I was very sorry to hear of your illness after Synod. I hope you are now restored. But you must restrain yourself a little my dear Bro. or you will wreck your physical frame. No danger of your rusting out, but do not wear yourself out pre-maturely. It is a duty to husband our strength & make the most of our capacities for this world as a sphere of action. It is a great privilege to work here for Christ & heaven & so we should economize our strength.

34 A. S. Kemp

Preston – Feb. 14th 1866

Dr Bro. Jackson

I have not heard from you since Synod – How is your health & how are you getting on? We got into our house early in the winter & although it is small & unfinished we are very comfortable & very thankful –

The N.S. have been making great efforts to establish themselves here – They preach twice & hold long S.S. but it would not surprise me if their movement would not fall to pieces ere long – No lot has been bought & nothing yet done to build a house although they are now agitating the subject – I have for some time felt that there was an

opening here for a select school. There is none nearer than Chatfield but a poor one there. Not a female Sem. such as yours but a grammar school for boys & girls wd be my idea. I wish some plan cd be hit upon by which we cd have such a one. We cd then make our tenure on Pastor sure under God. & also which I am very anxious about, have a place where some of my Scotch children can get more education which they ought to have.

Renting a house wd be almost an impossibility. Nor have Christian people here any means to use in that or any other way

Could we not get Mr.

Spare to do something for us? I am preaching every Sab. to the Scotch where my relations are very pleasant. They made us a donation recently - the 2nd one within a year.

Dr McCaule got a man to write me & I answered but my letter never reached him. Do write me & tell me your experience - & give me advice.

My family are well

Most Truly & Fraternally

A. S. Kempen

Dec. 29. 1[illegible]

Dear Bro. Dyer. I inclose a list of things &c. that we needed proper boards in any line please cut. If the friends appealed to, feel able & desirous to give a little air of refinement to our home, there is a considerable opening in that direction. For example 2 or 3 spreads or covers for parlor tables, Melodeon &c. Some little rugs or other coverings for the floor of the prophets chamber & other rooms. The parsonage will probably be sold to help pay for the church (or school house if the conf. can raise that) & we shall probably build, next spring. If the donating chh. is able & willing, a parlor carpet would be highly acceptable. But unless the chh. is hardly generous, do not propose that. But if I open a school & have one or two young lady teachers at our house, our wants will enlarge in the direction I am now indicating.

Our school house is to be plastered in November & the church in April. Do what you can in regard to a teacher for us. If we should make a little session of opening our new school house for worship, about the 1st. could you spend a few days with us? We would have communion & meeting for several evenings.

Fraternally

Charles Turner

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H. A. Mayhew

Austin, Nov. 27. 69.

Dear Sir & Brother;

[illegible] Draft for one hundred dollars [illegible] last [illegible] and Draft for one hundred and fifty one dollars [illegible] for [illegible] Cause to [illegible] in the time — the letter [illegible].

I will [illegible] you [illegible] knowledge [illegible] [illegible] probably today. [illegible] you have [illegible] [illegible] place you [illegible] understand my position [illegible] letters [illegible] the [illegible] appear.

But [illegible]

[illegible] expect [illegible] expect [illegible] a [illegible] mate [illegible] passage will be [illegible] the first effort.

Yours [illegible]

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H. A. Mayhew

Austin, Minn.,
Nov. 29. 1867.

Dear Mr. Jackson,
Friend:

The Draft on Boston for the balance of bill is received. You have been in passing a little place since you came to Boston, and I can appreciate your feelings, while you do full mess. "Thank God," burst involuntarily from my lips, as a great load rolled off me instantly.

It is due to you, who have taken so great an interest in our welfare, as well as to myself, for you, the kind donors, that I make a somewhat [illegible] statement of the state of affairs in Austin, and my labors here. Austin, you know was at the way to

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[illegible]

The Minnesota Central from Minneapolis to Austin was completed about eight years ago: the Chicago West from the iron Lake to Austin was finished some month since. It is not known Strauss is being built and will no doubt be completed next year. The Omaha and Nebraska through Austin will be built, getting Omaha in connection with Southern regions. The Southern Minnesota some Rail road that through this town is coming slowly but surely.

Two petty food mill streams Cedar & Turtle rivers afford very considerable water power. Two food mills are probably about are now in process of erection, and a large woolen factory is to be commenced.

The site for a town is very pleasant, a delightful one, and the country will depend for support upon farming. In one place about 8 or 10 acres and 40 inhabitants.

The number increased about during the discussion that took place the first day. Before the fates were limited, and people passed on. Numbers became some of them good men. Everything passed fine after and some one after common - opinion of course in favor and. Then Churches are being built.

The Baptists and Methodists not at or elsewhere (The Lutherans

[illegible] new building a[illegible]
the congregationalists the
Episcopalians & [illegible]

We commenced the
in April last [illegible]
[illegible] outside of our congre-
gations. A few men in the Lord's
[illegible] a few in the Methodist

We commenced preaching in
school house. The first [illegible]
[illegible] our congregations increased
[illegible] as we found
the first [illegible] in the Methodist
[illegible] by [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] and others. The church organized in August with [illegible] members — two of them members of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Lumber, etc. [illegible] to work [illegible] sell a piece of property, at a great discount for cash and [illegible] means to purchase the lumber in Minneapolis. The brethren [illegible] to secure the lot — &c.

We attended the [illegible] on a second day of the brethren [illegible] meet. We will try to get it [illegible] understanding, but cannot raise more than [illegible] the people have been [illegible] to death [illegible] other churches. It is [illegible] to ask them to give!" [illegible]

Rev 4

[illegible] Lord [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] the blood of
the [illegible] of heaven
[illegible] the friend-
ness of the [illegible] for a [illegible]
the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
a few [illegible] under the [illegible]
[illegible] circumstances!

[illegible] called to [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] that [illegible] the
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] the mail is distributed, when lo! a letter from Jackson [illegible] a [illegible] from [illegible] self from [illegible] the [illegible] of [illegible] own [illegible]! Is it not [illegible], is it [illegible] to [illegible] in the Lord!

A few years of self from friends in the East, to minister & to exhort [illegible], I need believe shall, under God, enable this more weak vine to become strong, self cutting, & cutting, & cutting points to the promising.

We can not help thinking sometimes about next year. Shall we be compelled to leave this [illegible] important & interesting field next April? I hope not. Laborious, & perplexing, & requiring all sorts of self-denial, I should, nevertheless, regret expending of to have [illegible] work.

God has not so signally blessed our labors, self-denials, and measure our prayers, supplied means almost miraculously and turned the efforts of our imperfections and mistakes only to bring all to nought.

At our next Communion, one week from next Sabbath, we hope to receive several to our little flock — some on [illegible] and some on [illegible].

Earnestly praying that God will abundantly answer your, and the Kind donors in N. Y., prayers,

Yours in Christ,

H. A. Marker.

want to buy some cheap hymn books
you know when I can get them?
I'll write tonight to Dr B, St Paul
Apl 4, 67

Eota Dec 2nd 1867. (38)

Bro: Jackson:

Yours of Nov-
8th was rec'd today. The
appearance of the Conf. was
a very agreeable surprise
to me. I had settled down
without thinking much
about it; but feeling that
God would do all things
well. We have great reason
for thankfulness since we
came to Minnesota. Truly
God has led us in a way
we knew not of. I have
felt restless sometimes; but
God seems to be fixing me
right here, and I have no-
thing to do but to submit.
I hope it is to build up
His Kingdom here. Pray for us.
S

Rev A. L. Thomso

I am happy to say, the
Mrs. Thomson's health i
somewhat improved si
saw you last.

I have but an imperfect
of what a report sho
be I suppose however
should be a simple
ment of what my work i
been during the quarte
which I report. If you co
to see me this week, come be-
fore Thursday, as I go that
day to Plainview, to
preparatory services
Com. Expect Mr. Gaw
be with me.

Your Bro.
A. L. Thom

P. S. When you come down
Can't you bring Mrs. T.
with you. The babes too. Mrs.
T. is out calling this eve. or she
would send regards. A. L. T.

P. S. I forgot last evening to say we had rec'd a box from Ballston Spa, N.Y. containing overcoat, shawl, muslins, comforters, etc. etc. And Am. Ref. Commentary

Rev J. T. Reed

Hudson Wis Dec 5th 1867

Rev Lion

Dear Bro, I have before me a note from Bro. Jackson received yesterday He sent my name to a church east and they had promised to send a boy by mid-winter to me He ask me if their was any thing that I now pressingly need, directing me to [illegible] are many [illegible] I mentioned a list to Bro. Jackson that I can manage to get along without until mid-winter But there are two things I very much need now that ought by all means to have now that is overcoat and undershirts If you will be kind enough to send these

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we will try and get along as I do not wish more than others And you no doubt have places for all you have on hand, If you have these please send by Merchant Union Express as I know of no other way of sending now I will give size of overcoat below Yours fraternally,

Address Jas Stuart Reed
Hudson
Wis

P.S. These might be put up in a paper parcel and sent by express will cost about 80cts I will pay that.
If you have no overcoats on hand ~~[illegible]~~ I will try and manage as best I can until GOD provides means or way of getting one.

Size of Overcoat. Breast measure 37in

40 R. McCunningham

Avalonna Minn
Dec 9th 1887

Dear Bro Jackson

I rec^d the over coat on Sat morn. The one I have ~~is a~~ suits me for mild winter weather. I shall really not need the one you sent. But I must have a much heavier one. The coat is at your service. If I get rich enough to make an addition to my library during the winter where can I purchase books to the best advantage?
What discount does Carter of N.Y make to "poor missionaries"?
Our Communion season passed off pleasantly. We had no additions. I had no assistance on the Sab. & now I do not regret it. Pray for us that

we may

Preston, Minn.
Dec. 10. 1861

Dear Jefferson
Brother

[illegible] of the [illegible]
with certificate for [illegible] and one
of [illegible] with draft for [illegible]
[illegible] Check for [illegible] so [illegible]
[illegible] will [illegible] in the time

I only [illegible] I [illegible]
with your own convenience [illegible]
cing the [illegible] which I [illegible]
means have [illegible] If not, I am
exceedingly glad to get the [illegible]
hundred now. It makes us very
comfortable. [illegible] will
go on her trip in a few days [illegible]
[illegible] I believe God will prosper
her [illegible] He has [illegible]
[illegible] papers [illegible] Tell [illegible]
that [illegible] we [illegible] [illegible]

S

Tell Mr. Smith do is to ask
earnestly, then look confidently,
we have what we seek.

It is good to pick fish.

I am sorry I can't be
more enclosed. The plasterer
will be at work in a few days.

The weather is exceedingly
favorable. I hope you receive
the arrangements for your to
forward.

Yours
H. A. Neyle

P.S. Wednesday. Monday
left this morning. Friend is
going to Milwaukee; I to the
off that she might have compan

Pray, my dear Brother, that
will prosper her mission.

H. A. N.

Rev. J. S. Reed

Hudson Wis Dec 13th 1867.

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Rev. S. Jackson

Dear Bro.

I have your letter of Dec 7th before me. I feel very thankful to you for your interest in my temporal affairs, and feel that passage of the Apostle coming to mind, "Bear ye one anothers burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ."

If they are at work upon my leg, it will soon be sent off. They I suppose will send me an over-coat, and I would rather not have two on hands, for I am not in as good a position to give it to any one that needs as you.

But I suppose you will know
what is best to do. Only this I
wear my old thread bear on,
though it is past decency for a few
weeks until the box arrives. When
I wrote you I supposed it would
be quite a while before any wool
came from the east, so I wrote
the coat especially. But as you
have some experience in the matter
I will leave you to judge. ~~in the matter~~
If you send it American Express
will answer me.

Your in Christ

Jas. Stuart Rice

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Lake City Wed. Morn
Dec. 18th 67 J. A. Irwin

Dear Bro. Jackson

Your favor of the 16th rec'd. last Eve'g. I informed Mr Baldwin of the contemplated meeting of Presby. It is not certain that any of the Session will be present. I hardly think I can come. Travelling in the winter in this latitude is terrible to me. tho. I may be there. I have just sent for my papers to join the Presby. of South'n Minn. Have never yet removed my connection from Presby. of West Jersey. Shall rec. the papers about the beginning of the year.

With regard to the other matter of wh. you spoke I will say & you will make what use

you choose, of it. First there is one thing I do want very much & have felt for several days that I did not know how to do without. & I have felt your personal love a kind of providential response to my prayerful desires on the subject. It is this. a lot of good clothing suitable for winter for two boys who seem to be very poor, if not actually destitute, whom I want to bring into our Sunday School & thus benefit spiritually. The clothing necessary would be flannel for underclothing & stout winter cloth for Coats & pantaloons. not very fine of course. Cotton & wool I shi. say. Satinette or something of that kind. If the kind friends in New York could & would do this they would do great good

a great favor to me. to the good cause here. & to the Master, who Himself said "Inasmuch ye"

The boys are 10 to 15 yrs old, & shd. say it would require some five or six yds. a piece to furnish them out. (These could be made up here)

With regard to ourselves I have hesitated much to consent to anything of the kind but with Mrs A's consent & approbation, I will say that I want & need a ~~xxx~~ thick warm overcoat. I have none that is suitable for a Minister. this. I had about concluded to get along without until another winter, as I greatly desire to get some books, which I greatly need & which after all, I am apt to, I shall have to do without. We would like some

J. A. Morrison

125 [illegible] No 1.

flannel for underclothi[illegible]
some muslin for sheetin[illegible]
some toweling - Some shirts
would be a great favor to me [illegible] to
not know whether the Brethren
contemplating making us any
of the articles or not. Supposing
they did so intend, I would say
that my whole height is 5 ft 4-8
& I am broad at the shoulders
thinking of a shirt or two I
w'd say the measure of my
neck is 15½ inches.
We have three children
two daughters 15 & 12 yrs & a
son 7 yrs old. Do not know
but I have been too hard [illegible] la
Do as you choose with the
letter. It can do no harm
Thanking you & any others who may
do anything, I am Dear Bro. Yo[illegible]
Most truly J. A. Armin[illegible]

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Charles Thayer

[illegible], Mass.

24 [illegible]

Dear Bro. Jackson.

[illegible]

[illegible] side (?) [illegible] our gratitude to the kind donor. We [illegible] our Christmas that much more merry & joyous: rejoicing in the kind Providence of our Heavenly Father. I had [illegible] but when I saw word otherwise be very dark & threatening. Let us trust Him & throw ourselves into the work with real devotion.

We could use the bed quite occasionally. But if any other brother needs it, send it to him.

May God bless you & your [illegible]

Fraternally

Charles Thayer.

[illegible] Jackson.

S

45 D. C. Lyon

St Paul
Dec 30/67

Brother Gustavus

Get whatever information you can from my letters before, the wife leaves then forward & then give it as you think best —

Farris is one Clark whom I ought to be kept from doing further upon the munificent of his Lowell friends —

He knows about, I think a box of clothing — I ought to receive from the christian friends — Company here wrote a small pamphlet

from Mrs Mawkins
last-Mark — His Mar-
riage no blank ~~sixth~~ ever
proceed Lord — Not
Licence — Certificate
signature is accepted —
Banns after two Sundays
more —

Hear a sermon
Evening Meeting at
the Westminster Chapel
Night after all the Pa-
tentin Chapels — to
Evening Respect —

Yours truly
S. E. Lyon

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Annin

Lake City Dec. 30th 67
Monday P.M.

Dear Bro Jackson

We thank you much for the package. We are thankful to to other kind but unknown friends who may have had any agency in it & we thankful to the Providence from whom cometh every good gift. The bundle came safely some days ago. Almost every thing was very acceptable & will be very serviceable. Some of the made things rather small for me, but we will get good out of them. I think we are well supplied with bedding. We thot. of coming to Presby. but concluded it was hardly worth while. Letter from Phila this morn. They appropriate $200. I don't know what the Ch. applied for. Still I have some faith & am hopeful. Yours most truly

S

J. A. Annin

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Rev. J. M. Pryse.

Saint Paul Dec. 1867

Rev. [illegible]

Very Dear Bro.

[illegible] pay
[illegible] to be my commission for
Paul received yesterday. The
application is cut down to $35
$150 less than [illegible] $350
less than last year. It is [illegible]
I cannot live on it. Mr. [illegible]
hard enough to get along. I get
simply food enough of the plain-
est sort to eat. Our prospects
are [illegible] [illegible] table. [illegible]
we tried to place the best before
you. [illegible] we failed [illegible] to
out-jutting into debt [illegible]
though [illegible] [illegible] completely
[illegible] [illegible] by [illegible]

S.

with we need all to know this
for they will be able to have nothing for my life was just at rest
this Evening. By solicitations & promises I was induced to
leave Ties as where I had two
congregations which had flourished
in Pennsylvania during my min-
istry there, & where we were ac-
cumulating a little property (the
proceeds of my own earnings — 5
of the old Cows and 5 yearlings
I raised here — which in a few years
would have afforded us an inde-
pendent competence, — to come here
to do a peculiar work (a work
which as you are aware few men
are — because requiring ~~peac~~
preaching — two Congregations & in
a position which the Board
say a feeling in the Board that
we should not be left to starve —

I sold just all I had (except the old —
Bed — in removing my family hither
After coming I found my income was
so inadequate to provide a suitable
for my family. Cambria made me
a liberal offer I knowing that the Board
could relieve me, & I am sorry to say it we
must — concluded to accept. "Our Commit-
tee of the Presbytery remonstrated — pro-
mising if I stayed my family should
be fed — this all I asked. & yet
now I am given to understand by the
Board that it is all they see it is
my part to serve the Board & must
work & starve. Even what little the
Church has added to my slender income
the Board has cut off. And all this
without as much as asking my con-
sent or giving me a choice in the
case. I tell you it is outrageous.
We are poor miserable worms
but belt — must tread & stamp the

Board bids [illegible] to be closed to accept just what the [illegible] seems fit to dole out to us & bind us [illegible] it as it might? Is we then to [illegible] stipulations on our side? Has the [illegible] no obligations or has it a right to [illegible] not only over feelings & self respect & self ownership but also over [illegible] & property, and consult only their own wills in the case? If I had come to this field of [illegible] from well-ordered home & [illegible] a place I couldn't get it elsewhere and after finding the field here [illegible] the Board for such [illegible] would have been different. Did you know how I came, [illegible] I was invited to stay. If the Board in its present exigency lacking employment [illegible] this [illegible] of board [illegible] explain [illegible] the case and let me [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

There is another feature in the
Board here as in all the
and the leading one very prominent
here — that is, the long arm of the
Board on the Missionary
Life & how Missionary work be
carried will be the same
other. It is in the work & an
earnest in the field is for more
home. Men are sent out
and with the Board behind them
as their sphere of action
from the colony of which it is only
a branch humiliating
The Board has no right to treat us
as rebels or prisoners
There is another & more serious
point that has come my heart —
have been at my table. Is the
to send a Missionary out to
to be treated as a prisoner?
Such as you are then I have
that not prepared to

There is a great difference
present between the
field of a Colonial & that
for a civil service. Do not
life. I am to
you can not write to the Board
There the cutting should be
Jehovah do not to
There is an interest at present in the
Church of the Board and assembling
meeting on the Sabbath full. Crowded
days & almost after time. Tears
in the eyes & earnest the Lord
only. Prayer meetings held at
Those that have been are Jesus
here, & present are the prayers
There is a prospect of visiting
occasion to our membership
Communion Mrs Lodge
doubt bring the
the Church is to be
Allow not on my soul to
I know the rule here

[illegible] I cannot [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] Oregon [illegible]
[illegible] I [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] Columbia I am in [illegible]
[illegible] to know more, at any time
I will write them that I will
[illegible] at the end of this month,
[illegible] I shall [illegible] that I will
[illegible] in the spring — and for my
labor here in the interim be
accepted — the Board will a
[illegible]

[illegible] will give you and the
people here in the Bonneville
[illegible] a call when the
[illegible] shall come to this
[illegible] the Columbia [illegible] the Rocky
[illegible] [illegible] will be made
[illegible] between [illegible] the Board

that the dedication be on the Lord's day. Several hundred dollars must be raised which can be done if we dedicate on Sunday; but we cannot call out the reasonably indifferent business men & liberal fellows when we can get them out on week day.

We therefore decided upon appointing the service for Lord's day the 24 inst.

There are several weight reasons why we select that instead of a later sabbath. If we wait due must wait many weeks, and some whom we must S

have it the [illegible] will be [illegible]
I do hope the [illegible]
will not seriously disco[illegible]
[illegible] I must look it
personal [illegible] that on[illegible]
have [illegible] your way.
Yours in Christ,
H. A. [illegible]

Observe the Sabbath.

"*I have ever found* (writes Chief Justice Hale,) that a due observance of Sunday has ever joined to it a blessing upon the rest of my time; and the week that has so begun has been blessed and prosperous to me. And on the other hand, when I have been negligent of the duties of this day, the rest of the week has been unsuccessful and unhappy to my own secular employments, so that I could easily make an estimate of my successes of the week following, by the manner of my passing this day; and I do not write this lightly, but by long and sound experience."

God will signally honor the proper observance of this day, and will as signally frown upon its desecration.

Self-interest, then, if no higher motive, should secure the Sabbath against any diversion, by us, from the sacred purpose to which God has devoted it.

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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Austin, Minn., January, 1868.

May 18. 1861

Mr Cochran

At a meeting
of Leaders last evening
[illegible] unanimously [illegible]

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Detroit, Mich.,
Sept. 4, 1868

Mrs. C. Jackson,
Rochester, N.Y.

My dear Sister,—

I am grieved to receive the two last letters, which you say had been contributed by Satan in the first two days of July. I think he put it into their hearts. Without such aid in a little time our work must stop; but I never can think of such a result. God has taken the work into his own hands, & will carry it on.

Our northern brethren entirely with the Church, & with God's blessing we hope to carry it before many months.

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Please return to Eastern friends our thanks for their offerings; and we will not cease to pray that God may grant them the rich blessing of the Gospel Saviour.

While we struggle amid deep anxieties, what a comfort it is to leave remembrances of these left behind.

Yours in Christ,

H. Hughes

47 Sample

St Anthony Minn
Jan 2 /68

Dr Bro Jackson -

Our Presbytery will meet in Minneapolis on the 16th inst., and it will be impracticable for me to be with you during the week you have indicated. If you can make the time one week later I will try to be with you on the 20th inst., but would prefer being relieved from any service on Monday evening. In the event of that arrangement, I would expect you either the week before, or the week after my visit.

We greatly need to be revived.

S

There are some indications of the Spirits presence. Let us remember each other in our prayers.

We received, very unexpectedly, a small box from the Central Church of Phil°. It was suggested, as the accompanying letter states, by a young lady from that church, at present in Minneapolis. It came very opportunely, and was recd with gratitude. I have told bro Lyon that I do not feel like accepting the air you and he so kindly proposed to secure for us. Yet our wants are only partially met.

Bro Caldwell writes me that he needs a suit of clothes, and a under clothing; I presume it would be better to get the material only. He prefers for his long and cold rides, beaver cloth. Bro Lyon says you have access to his letters, and suggests that I may be able to secure the clothing through you. Please do what you can. If you have no offers to aid Dom. Missionaries, and know of no church to which you might apply with prospect of a favorable response, please write me, so that I may look elsewhere.

Bro Lyon is now gone to the "Big Woods", and will not return until meeting of Pres.)

We are very sorry to have Mr Voorhes leave us. He is

a very pleasant and excell
young man, from whom we
hope for much assistance
in our work. I was unfo
prevented from going over
Minneapolis to see him b
for his departure, as I
hope to do.

With kind regards to Mrs
and best wishes for your co
fort & usefulness

I remain

Yrs fraternally

P. L. Sam

S

Chaman Minn: Jan: 4th/68

My dear Mrs Jackson

Please accept my sincere thanks for what you sent me by my husband, I have never worn anything that felt more comfortable than the hood, it pleases me very much it is just what I needed, I experience that a mibia alone is not warm enough for this cold climate

The merinos will make Georgie a very good dress; the delaine a very suitable one for spring wear and the plaid I intend to turn over then it will look almost as well as new, I do not need the quilt at present but will save it, do not know what may be

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Yours with much love
Mrs Vautier

Jacksonville, Waseca Co. Minn. Jan 6th "68

Dear Bro. Jackson,

Please find herein an account of what I have received from Sept. 1st

In Sept.	from Rev. S. Jackson	$100.00
" "	" State Clerk St. P. Sys	25.00
" Oct	from Exp. Sec. Sod.	26.25
" "	" Dr. J. W. Morgan	25.00
" Nov.	" Check per. S. Jackson	35.00
		$211.25

I only kept acct of the month in which I received this money. I hope that is sufficiently accurate. The amount is $211.25

You have learned that the B. D. M. is raising the appropriations to what they were last year. The amount I got last year, was, $350. You can see by these figures, what the "signs of promise are", respecting my support.

I am going to build me a home this coming season, and before this shall reach you, my lumber will be sawed. I must do it & pay very high rent or not be able to get a home at all. High rent is our terror.

Come out and see Jacksonville, and help me get up a subscription here to build up a church, a place of worship. We must now endure very strong opposition from the Methodists.

My wife sends her kindest regards to you and Mrs. Jackson, so does I. Yrs. in Christ

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S. C. Lyon

Kingston
Wexford Co
Jan 6, 1868

Brother Jackson

Let me know as soon as you come out which our adjourned Meeting of Bds is to be - address at Rockford Wright co in care of Hunter Wheeler I intend to spend Sabbath the - 12th - that is if you can come off as early as Friday - if later then at Minnesota

S

Barbobs you have better
choose a lion to battle
plants — Give me any
items of news —

Send Cull on to
1st Church of Pittsburgh
for anything more — &
then send them for a
boy for Campbell
& to St Hommes Church for
something for Willson in
Money — — If Presbytery
— our Pres — does not intend
fere I ~~Mary~~ Mary shall Sabbath
17. & a part of the Week for
running up the Minnesota Western
Towns to by Syn

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Hudson Wis Jan 6th 1868

Rev. S. Jackson

Dear Bro.

I delayed acknowledging the reception of the package recd. from you until the box came I recd. it last week We were very glad of the things and feel very thank to you and friends east. I write Mrs. Newkirk so did Mrs. R— along with it send a letter to their Sabbath School. We expect to hold meetings all this week But I close praying that God richest blessing may be upon you and bless your labors abundantly. Fraternally yours

Jas Stuart Reed
Hudson
S Wis.

P.S. The clothes and things recd. were just what we needed my clothes fitted very well J S R

windsor chrs (we rent^d & bd std & bed^g with
om) when we had 5-$ left for provis^ns for 3 mo
had no cups & sauc Bght 2 small bowls
nk our Cof fr, Made both T & Cof in the sme
t pt. Used a newspap for table cle & our
r towls Then we mov^d into a small hse
y prairie with 2 rooms — the flor was of brd un-
d bds & the cracks betwn It was so cld. Jenni
wrap'd there thr little hnds were alwys sore
the splints gettg in them. The St Paul peo then
e us a pres^nt of a rag carpt. We were so
f when we got it down Last summr
o Mr Mitchell's influe the peo hve got us this
e ingrain carpt & cane seat chrs for wh we
think fl. I fl or pover the most when I'm sick
re is generally a rush of help at 1st & then ale
ve Some told ask me why. I didn't hve
nurse Well why didn't I. Then only chge 5-$
week & will not do housework & I must hve a grl
2-2$ wk, & I'm too pr for the. When Jennie was
rn I didn't hve a grl. Husband laughd & chrd
must expens I was left a prt of ever morn alone
wed think of P & our dear mrd there, then of our poor
'm baby wld cry. I cldn't move to touch her but
'd try to quet her in other ways. but cld not, then
'd cry too & wish for mother; Just then Mrs Henry
Pitts church sent me 50$, you can imagine
w glad we ~~are~~ were Mrs Campbell

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Farmington, Minn. 7th. Jan. 1868.

Dear Bro. Jackson: I like Bro. Fairies' card — the size style — color of ink &c.

I enclose "copy" for a card. It will probably require a larger one than Bro. Fairies' unless you omit the Elders & Trustees, which do if you think best. Please use your judgment & taste as to size & kind of type. I want from 100 to 200. The 2nd. 100 will cost less.

How did you hear about our boy? I have heard nothing of him. He promised to write in due time.

We need boys clothing — almost anything in that line would help — or material — old or new — for boys wear. Socks & stockings — mittens too — are in demand with us. My stock of clothing is not near exhausted except that I would like a pair of heavy, lined pants. I wear about size 17 — 34.

I will try to meet you at the cars & pay you for the cards.

We have good little meetings this week.

May God be with you.

Fraternally

Charles Sayer.

If [illegible] please send with the package.

James Frothingham

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[illegible] 1 [illegible]

[illegible] day [illegible]

Dear Bro Jackson

Your note of the 1st came safely to hand. Bro Frothingham wished to wait for the facts, as he is not well acquainted in this direction. He has worn for some years a small cape made out of a heavy alpaca, and would be very quite comfortable if for clothing generally, but if you have anything useful in way of garments, not needed by others, they will find a place for use somewhere in our family. Anything sent to me (name in full, no mistake for Sam) care of Deaf Mutes, at Tremont Temple, Boston, will find me. I drop a line to Deaf, to Bro, if send any such package by the semi-weekly stage.

We are all well. Union meetings this week alternate among the churches. No special interest, but [illegible] good spirit prevailing. The Cong. meeting here now [illegible]

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called to a year's service, at $1,000. He is from Northern, name is Clark. He is a man of strong mind, pleasant, and respectful. And a Christian Spirit. I hope that he will do a good work among his people.

Our circumstances are favorable. We had no plan last year. Our Conference was celebrating, never held here. Singing very exceedingly good, and pipes to suit great. $1,55 were distributed to church and Sunday School. Since then we have raised $2,24 by a special effort among ourselves, and have paid the remaining church debt.

The people are strongly united, and very kind to us.

I hope that your affairs will assume a pleasanter shape now, and we may be of good cheer upon your church, Otherwise the Conference Labor road.

Bro Pitt writes to me that he does not feel himself well treated in the matter of his salary from the Board. He claims that you stopped his appropriations. He says that his commission dates from last 1st May, and ran for 12 mos. but says also that the quarterly allowance was to be continued until Oct 1st, the time of the meeting of Dubuque Conf.; he wrote to Bro Jones, no effect. Sept 27, and the reply was (I remember his former letter reminded me) a declining to grant him. for increased.

On his journey to Minnesota he makes the statement: that it was after he had sent ten to the Board. Before he had received reply to previous, he went as a stranger to the Synod, and had not correspondence with any of them, save that he wrote them and made allusions to me. He is a nervous, strange sort of a man in his ways, impulsive rash. Extremely sensitive. But is, I judge, a warm hearted Christian endeavoring to serve the Lord faithfully, and amid many very trying discouragements. We must make allowances for many. He is in the use of the Lord like many true people.

to whom he was of such a valuable character, in
our cause. I do not think that
pities for the ministry, though he may
do good in Christ's cause. Remember
to write me Dolly. What month pro-
of it. Tell me all you and write me
a full account of him, and what you
know of him in this movement of
his, and especially what the Salem re-
ness. I wish I knew a few weeks ago
telling him that he must be moderate
in his hopes. — I know you will
the [illegible] and believe
any injustice

How is Josephine? I know
you [illegible] on Sign succeed?

Write me if you [illegible]

Your truly
[illegible]

Mr Johnson still very anxious concerning
the question of leaving Salem this
Spring.

Farmington, Minn. 17 Jan. 1868.

Dear Bro. Jackson: Returning from Minneapolis today I found the Bundle. It will cost us very much. The summer Material, the underclothing, some articles to be made over for the boys — all such things are never out of place in our family. The little boy's Shirt will just suit our youngest. Mrs. Taylor appreciates the shawl, skirt, bed covering &c. The hat fits Mr. exactly; the black coat also & blue pants. The blue coat sleeves need lengthening a little. We all send thanks to you & thro you to the donors.

I wrote you yesterday criticizing the card. I thot then that they would not be struck off till corrected. I see you or the printers corrected several things. The main change I would have made is to state that there is public worship "every" Lab. Evening. But we may change this arrangement. I now return from Vermillion church, after a days work there, & preach at Farmington. I do it voluntarily, & may not continue. So the card is a good one. Please send me the Bill. Also, unless you have a special fund for the purpose, you should have left the Ref'rp bill for me. Whenever there you pop I will see you. Yours [illegible]

the depot. When the train passes along, you can get on the platform & into the passenger car. Land the train stops long enough to walk to the place & back. Or if you can lay over a day - all the better.

Write soon & often

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Yours

Charles Thayer.

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57 R. H. Cunningham

Avalonna Miss
Jan 21st 1868

Dear Bro Jackson

I take this opportunity of acknowledging the receipt of the clothing ~~&c~~ which came to me last week through your kindness. The goods were all just such as I needed. And they came at a time when I did really need some of the articles.
The last overcoat you sent is just such a one as I wanted.
I might make the same statement in regard ~~in regard~~ to each of the garments.
These gifts from abroad make our people feel like thanking God & taking courage. The

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ladies here (some of them at least almost regret that they have let the Eastern ladies excel them in their gifts.
I wish I could express my thankfulness to those good people who were instrumental in sending such a valuable package of goods.
And the lady who sent me the suit of black must certainly have known my wants & anticipated my own intentions.
Please thank them all for their kindness.
May God bless all their efforts to promote the interests of the kingdom

Your Bro in Christ
R. H. Cunning[illegible]

J. M. Pryse.

60 South Bend Jan. 24 68

Rev Sheldon Jackson

My Very Dear Brother,

Your kind
very fraternal letter has come duly to
hand and the fruits of your
generous and noble generosity I
to the Yukon by an excellent boat
have been received all safe without
any risk, that we know of, on our
our part. Thank you, Brother and
Sister beloved, thank you cordially
and fervently for the riches of your
liberality — both the money and the
ing — and thanks be to God for the
unspeakable gift of His grace in
hearts, and for endowing with the
means of succoring the tempted.
I can assure you there never was an
occasion of liberality more opportune or
more highly appreciated than
on this occasion. There is not a cent
back to the subscription of three
weeks, which your generous gift so
illy the pecuniary one have felt
us, and that even in hence
in our eyes. It is one to be the pride
of the Great, is a Church there perhaps
our mission) and that is, that
Jack in her noble self-sacrificing gen-
erosity has perhaps robbed herself in
some way — has had to deny herself
comfort if not comforts, to afford her
the means to minister to our

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[illegible] to the cause we would [illegible] to [illegible] to accept the [illegible] [illegible] the liveliest [illegible] of [illegible] feelings [illegible] [illegible] for it. If however we are [illegible] in the [illegible] or the case is if either [illegible] not [illegible] going in [illegible] brother of Rochester, or if not beloved brother, and his amiable lady are in better circumstances than the [illegible] in general, and are well [illegible] to a good such deed of beneficence, then I gladly congratulate you, and I am happy to tell you, that your generous donation went to supply real wants and [illegible] would have had to remain unsupplied, as far as any other prospect of supplying them especially the pecuniary ones, that I can see, had not your excellent lady ~~[illegible]~~ come to our relief; and as to the clothing, owing to the judicious selection made, in which (you will I am sure excuse the suggestion) we thought we also saw the delicate taste and judgment of the lady; went much further to meet suggested as our needs in this respect than donations which we have sometimes before received, of more than twice the bulk and weight of this, to say nothing of the estimated cost. I humbly believe this exhibition of true Christian fraternal affection and liberality on your part have served more to deepen the feelings of dependence on God, and of thankfulness to Him, and to you in particular and others in general, His people, and to strengthen my attachment to His Church and cause, than anything that has occurred since my coming into this field.

Dear Bro., If you have laid me under obligation, [illegible] be able to discharge. One one thing now over I think you can count, and that is on my [illegible] to that cause which above all else, I know you love, — and on perseverance in humble and feeble efforts to serve it, while I live. I have made some sacrifices, as the world calls them (but what sacrifices can we make for Him who gave His life for us), to come into this field and to stay in it. I forget in the least regret it. The longer I stay the more deeply convinced am I that God has a work for me here to do. I could sometimes wish that that work were less difficult — not less laborious — that some brethren who were in the field before me could rise a little above the feeling of mistrust and jealousy into confidence and fraternal fellowship — that they could now see and realize as doubtless eventually they will, that in Mankato there is a work for me and my few people to do, which they (the above brethren) could not do — that we can influence, and are influencing a class of people in Mankato, which no other church can reach, and which, if not cared for by us, will remain neglected, — and that the work done by us, so far from interfering with the success of any other church or retarding it, will only in the end benefit the other churches, and help to promote their prosperity. The material [illegible] which we build are not available to any other body — not even to our brethren. [illegible] is and [illegible] only to be his own conduct. [illegible]

Dear Brother Pray for me — and may God
give me [illegible]
In reference to the box from Dr. Boardman's
church we may be disappointed. I received an offer of a box [illegible]
[illegible] at the instance of [illegible] but
brother [illegible] I transferred it to [illegible] the
[illegible] of the box from Boardman's
In the letter from Mr. [illegible] I stated
[illegible] I sent to transfer the box,
I was informed that [illegible]
[illegible] that my family [illegible]
[illegible] special [illegible] (referring to
a donation from Hartford, N.J., at the
opening of which Bro. Lyons was present
and in his [illegible] he pronounced utterly inadequate — many of the articles being unsuitable to the season.) And hence Bro. Lyons made the arrangement with Dr. Boardman's church to supply the deficiency. But I fear the measure of that arrangement may, unless Bro. Lyons has forestalled the matter (it is too delicate for me to interfere in it) write in the same manner to Dr. B's church as to New Brunswick, and so frustrate our expectation. If so, No help to it. God rainyeth, Jehovah jireh — that is enough.
Thank you again, dear Brother and Sister, in the name of my wife, and entire family — and may God preserve your lives till then are days of usefulness and beneficence — you and your lady — and bless you both with grace and the means to perform many such actions, and reward you both abundantly in his kingdom, for them all.
With sincerest gratitude and most affectionate esteem I remain your unworthy but faithful brother & fellow laborer in the Gospel of Christ. J. M. Pryse

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Ja^s Frothingham

Lansing Iowa Jan 21st 1860

Dear Bro J.

Your letter came in due course of mail, and gave great satisfaction. I enclosed it to Br. Crawford, that he might understand Br. W's relation to the S. Mine, Pres., & also wrote to Br. Seth, stating some of the difficulties in the way of his writing with us. On reading over again his letter of Nov 9th I see that he gives a statement of his trip to the N & Lynn, and his passing examination before Pres. I wrote to you what he said in his last letter, which statement conflicts with his former letter, just as it does with your letter. I presume he is intentionally misleading us, or else nervous, and writing in the excitement of the moment, and thus making needless charges and assertions. He had better stay where he is, if in the N. & Phila.

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you are not fair enough to have him come with us.

The package came to hand safely, costing only 25 cts freight. Many thanks for the articles enclosed. Mrs Willingham has made a muff and cape from the victorine. It is a very fine fur, and a most acceptable gift to her.

The union meetings terminated very pleasantly at the end of the third week. This week the Meth. & Cong. have alternated in having meetings, which I have attended. We preferred to have none until Saturday night, which will be a preparatory lecture. The interest seems to be abating. We shall have a few accessions.

Emma Ratcliff is teaching a country school: has not seen us this winter: still remains alone from the church.

I am requested by a friend to make inquiries concerning some land near Rochester. Can you ascertain for me?

It is about 3 miles from Rochester, was entered by one Charles Cranmer, and is now owned by J. W. Griffin of Canton, Bradford Co. Penn. It is an eighty. It was offered for $1000. Can you find out where it is, and what kind of land, what its conveniences for roads, market, wood & water, and how much it is estimated at? If so please let me know, as soon as you can.

Mrs Willingham has had a sharp attack of bilious disease, for more than three days, confined to bed, but is now convalescent. My own health is not very good. Regards to Mrs Tucker.

Yours truly

W. Willingham

63 R.B. Gilbert - Clothing

Anoka, Feb. 19, 1868.

Dear Bro. Jackson;

Many thanks to yourself and others for the package of goods & clothing which arrived to day. With very few exceptions the articles are just such as were needed — some of them much needed. With much inconvenience we have waited, as it seemed to us, a long time; but the goods have come at last.

I do not know why the Lord sent me here. Sometimes I feel inclined to doubt whether I have read aright the indications of his will. I cannot well give to you on paper ~~my misgivings~~ the circumstances in detail, but my misgivings are at times exceedingly painful. Yet I have reason to bless God that my labors here have not been altogether vain.

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At three or four of my preaching points there is an increased and growing religious interest, and some souls are enquiring the way of life. The large numbers that come through cold and storm and distance to hear the word, is of itself encouraging. Otherwise I could not undertake what I am doing. I ride every sabbath 14 to 26 miles, and preach two or three times at different points. Take last sabbath as an example. I rode 7 miles in the morning & preached at 10½ o'clock; then without waiting for dinner rode 7 miles more & preached at 1 o'clock, then went 3 miles more & preached at 3½, then 3 miles home. One sabbath in Jan. the thermometer indicated 45° below zero, that day I travelled 14 miles & preached twice. Some three sabbaths afterwards I had a much harder trip. I set out at sunrise, the mercury at 25 below, directly facing a cutting wind, & what with bad roads & a slow horse, reached my appointment at 11 o'clock — never so nearly perished. My horse's nose was hung with icicles several inches in length, he was white with frost — my beard was almost a solid mass of ice congealed from my breath, my nose & ear slightly frozen. What makes it so much worse, I have no suitable outfit for such rides. I have not a particle of fur to wear — not even cap, collar, or gloves — except a pair of old cast-off cuffs. But none of these things move me, neither do I count my ease or comfort dear to myself, if only I may fulfill my ministry, and preach Christ faithfully to all who are willing to hear, and they are many.

Perhaps, Bro. Jackson, I owe you an apology — am not sure. Did I answer your last letter concerning the school in Rochester? If not, please excuse me. I made up my mind that I could not undertake to continue the school, could not write im-

mediately, and possibly neglected it. So, it was not intentional.

Mrs. A. joins me in grateful acknowledgements for the favor of the passage, and in kind regards to yourself and Mrs. Jackson.

Yours very truly,
R. B. A.

prairies. Last week with two horses we forced our way through breaking our own road. The people in Monongalia Co are anxious to have the stated means of grace, & the Methodists have already made an inroad there. Lest our cause should suffer, I have consented to go to Harrison & make my residence there for a while, & Bro Jackson will take my points of preaching in connection with Kingston. Owing to the unworthy conduct of several church members at Harrison the organization of a church has been deferred, such a step however will be taken soon. The prospects for a church at Kingston are encouraging. I saw Bro. Harding at Forest City last week, he hopes to organize a church there before long. Has had three additions to his church at Greenleaf by examination.

As there was no money forthcoming from your appeal East, as yet in my behalf, & my note at bank was nearly due, I obtained through Dr Brown a month longer to pay it in, & hope I may receive aid before that time.

I have now been in the work here for some time, & as yet have received no aid except from Mr Rikeldaffer, through his appeal for this field, & that I was obliged to turn over to liquidate part of my debt at bank at St Paul. I am & have been without money for some time. Board bills

& other necessary expenses
grip upon me. I feel that
I am in the Lords work he
will provide. I shall labor
faithfully in the field West
of this, as long as Providence
shall direct. The people at
Harrison desire a married
man, say they could do much
more for him in the way of
donations of provisions &c, than
for a single man. Do you
know of any such person, who
would go there? Bro Jack
& I have just written to our
classmate. W. H. Millham about
the field at Harrison, in reply
to a letter inquiring about
the field here. He is married
& preaching at Galway, N.Y.
Thanking you for the interest
you have already taken in me,
& trusting that God will abundantly
bless you in your labors, I remain
yours truly H. R. Wilson, Jr.

P.S. Please direct to Harrison, Monongalia Co.

South Bend, March 2 (1860)

Lewis S. Jackson,

Very Dear Brother,

Your very kind fraternal letter containing your generous gift — the second check, has been duly received — and as ~~cannot~~ cannot adequately express, I leave you to conceive the gratitude to God and to you which I and my family felt on the receipt of it. We only regretted that it enhanced our appreciation of your self-denying liberality, that it confirmed my suspicion, that the first donation came from your own private purse. And the apprehension still haunts me that you have been robbed to help me and mine. Dear Brother let it not be so. Though the

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gift was a Godsend - though it helped to supply real wants, and I would not know what to do except to trust in providence had it not come, yet if the bestowment of it tended to cramp your means or to abridge the comforts of your family, I would still rather return it - for I could see nothing gained by taking from your domestic enjoyment to add to mine - I would be happier to suffer on the lack of many comforts, in the consciousness, that no good brother's temporal happiness had been impaired for my sake. I think I have enough of the spirit of self-sacrifice, not to have my best enjoyment increased at the expense of my fellow laborers - though on the other hand, if you can afford the gift without affecting the physical comforts of your lady and your family

and I need not say anything about it, because that on your part and your lady's part, has been sufficiently evident, if not too much so. I can only thank you both the contrall and frequently, and pray God to reward you a thousandfold for the love you have shown his cause in the person of the humblest of its servants.

In reference to the 2nd donation I feel more easy - but not more thankful you may rest assured although I trust I am not lacking in appreciation of the generosity of the donors of that gift. They have attached me strongly to them though they withhold their names - and more firmly than ever to the blessed cause we all labor together to promote. You and they have succeeded in placing me under obligations, I know not, how I shall ever be able to discharge.

It is a pleasure however to feel under obligations to those whom we love. Though one, feels an irrepressible prompting to make some return - and it is out of my power - and my pen is

Please present to Mrs. Jackson the christian love and gratitude of her unworthy brother.

so feable so feeble, I am at a loss of patience with it, even in endeavoring to express my feelings. I can only promise you faithful labors, in return for all your kindness; results belong to God; while I am permitted to remain in the field. I shall in response to my part of this note no doubt interest you — as an account of the state and prospects of your church greatly interest me — should you have the leisure to send me a few lines to that purport. Here at the Bend the cause is making steady progress — especially in the English language — our Evening Service being in English. We have a full, and sometimes a crowded house on Sabbath evenings. We have a young choir which has already added much to the interest of the service. We reckon on an increase of population next spring and summer preparatory to the coming of the ~~R Road~~ R Road through here. Several public enterprises of importance are now in contemplation. The increase of population will we trust aspect the church favorably. At Stockton, since the opening of the hall, we have been making progress. There we have to encounter a subtle clandestine, but inexhaustible opposition, against which there is no way to meet, but by quiet invincible perseverance. However the opposition is begin to react. Efforts to keep the people from our meetings are beginning to fail. The people are beginning to break through. It may yet to come, in spite of them. Such efforts were foolish because, if there be not now, there will be soon manifest. I find up to this in enquiries which inquiry to be in a 2 I am abstained from all appearance of proselytism. May God reward — prepare and reach, bless you & yours. Affectionately, Yours truly, J. L. Pryse

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Referred to
Rev Sheldon Jackson
to procure help

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Kingston. Minn.
March. 9th 1868.

Rev. D. C. Lyon.
Rochester. Min.

Dear Brother

Your letter to myself & Bro Jackson came to hand & also your last with receipt of Expressage sent. We were glad to hear from you & thank you for the kindness manifested in our behalf. I was disappointed in not hearing a favorable answer from Pittsburgh. I had hoped to have recd. aid from that source, & without pecuniary aid I am unable to go on with my work here. I refused a competant support in St. Louis, in order that I might assist in developing the field here. Do not think I am discouraged, I only desire to state how matters

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stand. I owe yet $7.00 at Bank in St. Paul, & have had the time extended for the payment of this until the 23d of this month, when this payment must be met if I have to borrow the money elsewhere. Perhaps you could borrow the money for me on interest at Rochester for two months, if so it would greatly oblige me, & aid may perhaps come in the mean time. This debt was incurred to obtain a horse to labor here. I am now obliged to borrow money from Bro Jackson to pay my board bills here, before going to Harrison. I leave tomorrow for Monongalia Co, We have had 17 inches of snow lately, & the roads on the prairies are impassable. The work is developing itself in this part of the field. Bro Jackson & I took a trip in the "Big Woods" a week ago, preaching at Albion, Chatham & Buffalo. Yesterday I preached at Lake Cocinwood South of Kingston. With Kingston as a center, & laboring East & South of this, a field can be carved out, which will give abundant labor for one man.

The people in Monongalia Co are desirous of having a married man to labor among them, & could aid such a person by donations of provisions, fuel &c. Do you know of any such person that would be suitable for that field?

We shall organize a church at Harrison the last of next month, could you not be with us at that time? I expect

to go up to Glenwood the
new County Seat of Pope Co
& look at the field there.
would be a stepping sto
to the M.W for our work.
might aid in extending o
cause in this part of the
If you can come, we
furnish you with a hor
the trip could be made a
little expense.
Hoping to hear from you
& praying that God will bles
you in your labors, I re
Yours truly

H. R. Wilson.

Lake City Wed. P.M.
March 11th. 68 68

My Dear Bro Jackson

I am not certain this moment whether or not it was a lady to whom I am indebted for the money. Please write & say — If this will do please forward it — The truth is I always feel embarrassed in such cases — I hardly know what to say. My gratitude is lively & deep but I cant make it appear in anything I can write — I would have to underscore & accent every words with the accute & grave & circumflex accents & then go in for the disjunctive & conjunctive accents of Masoretic Rabbis —

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I only send one letter
now. If it will do for
either case send it &
tell me how to write t
other. I was glad to kno
you reach home safe
About 10 minutes afte
left I rec. a note fro
Lyon for you from the mo
But that that you wi
see Lyon by the time
could send it to you -
The Phila Box has
arrived. Two of them &
such a box you never
did see. Come & see
it the trunk of Keehn
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times feel encourage
here. I guess some o
work will be done. I don
give it up yet quite
All join in love to yourself & fam
A great deal of love to the
family yours in Christ
J. A. A

Lake City Minn
March 11th 1868

My Dear Madam

I labor under the disadvantage of writing to an unknown friend & benefactor but feel it a privilege & duty to write. Within a few weeks I have rec'd, from my friend & brother in the ministry, the Rev. Sheldon Jackson of Rochester in this State, fifty dollars ($50.00) being, as I understand him to say, half of a remittance rec'd. from you in response to his application to relieve the necessities of ministers in this part of the country.

Will you please accept my very sincere thanks for the very generous & timely donation. My Salary was insufficient for my support & my church ~~has~~ is

poor. The people in this church were obliged to exert themselves greatly to raise what they do for my support, & this timely aid places the church as well as myself under great obligation. I look upon all such unexpected interpositions as special providences in my favor & as so many instances of the vigilant care of Him who numbers the hairs of our heads & who has promised never to leave or forsake his children, — of that divine goodness which ought to lead me to renewed repentance & to more unreserved consecration to his blessed service. Will you not pray Madam, that this may be the happy effect of this & other kindnesses by other friends upon my ministerial & personal character.

My family unite with me in lively gratitude for his goodness in this matter & in this expression of thankfulness to you, & we pray that inasmuch as we shall not be able to make you any compensation, the Lord will fulfill to you his gracious promises to his children — will lift up the light of his countenance upon you & give you peace.

I would further ask an interest in your prayers for my church that God would be pleased to pour out his spirit upon us & thus revive his work.

I am, Dear Madam,

Yours most truly in gospel & Christian bonds

John A. Turner

Chatfield Mar. 16/61

Dear bro. Jackson;

Will you please hand the inclosed to bro. Adams when he arrives at your place?

In November I rec'd a line from Dr. Robinson of Brooklyn, asking whether the ladies of his Ch. would be allowed to send me a box.

Though he did not mention your name I suppose the request came through you, so I consented to have you send my name. On further consideration I concluded that as we had hitherto, so we could now live without such assistance; & wrote him accordingly. Am just as thankful to you, as we should be if we were wearing the Brooklyn clothes.

How is Johnson the Colporteur? Haven't heard from him since Tempe came through on his way from Presbytery. Have thought of writing to him. Is he still

in Owatonna?

I have been pleased to read the favorable report of our Ch. from your pen & Bro. Sam's as published in the Presbyt.

We have had no revival interest. One or two conversions this winter. One young man joined by profession the 1st inst.

I expect to attend the Assembly.

I hope that you & Mrs. J. will visit us next Summer. With kind towards to you both & the best wishes for your success in the ministry I am in Christian love

Yours truly

J. L. Howell

Harrison.
Monongalia. Co. Va.
March 16th 1868.

Dear Friend

the assistance sent me through Rev. Mr Jackson was gratefully received. For six months I have been laboring in this field without any aid. Waiting patiently, knowing that I was in the Lords work, & that he would in due time, raise up friends to aid the cause here. It was no doubt in answer to fervent prayer, that God put it in your hearts to send the necessary means. I confidently looked for support, but knew not from whence it would come.

A few words with regard to the work here, might not be uninteresting. This is one of the extreme Western frontier counties.

of Minn. I am the only
resident preacher of any de-
ination in this County. There
not a single church as yet &
only one School house. We
meet for preaching generally i
stores & private house. Now-days
the County is composed of a few
log dwellings, having two or more
families in each house. The
people are just moving into
County, As soon as they can
build their houses, & raise a
crop on their farms they will
able to give something for the
support of the gospel. Most
them are unable to do anyth
as yet. A lady said the other
"We are hungring for the gospel"
It is a pleasure to preach to se
Thanking you for your Kindne
& praying that God may abunda
reward you, I remain Yours truly.
H. R. Wilson.

Harrison. Monongalia. Co. W. Va.
March. 16th 1868.

Rev. Sheldon. Jackson
Rochester. Minn.

Dear Brother

Your letter was recd. last week, with the check for $25.00 enclosed. I thank you heartily for the aid rendered. It is the only assistance I have had since laboring in this field, and encourages me in my work. I trust that an organization will be formed here soon. The people here desire a married man, & could support such a person by donations of provisions &c, better than they can a single man. Perhaps you or Bro Lyon know of a suitable person for this field. The work seems to be making progress in this part of the State, & there or

four churches will be orga
West of the "Big Woods" this Spri
The Cavalry saddle I do no
require, as I have one.
I have written two letters
you requested. You wil
please add the names o
the persons, as I am not
aware who they are.
Tell Brother Lyon I hope
he will be able to get up
this way next month. I
should be glad to see him,
& his visit here would ai
the cause.
Thanking you for the inter
you have taken in me
& praying that God may abun
bless your labors, in the ingathere
of many precious immortal
souls into the fold of Christ,
I remain your brother in
Christ Henry. R. Wilson. Jr.

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[illegible] before the train cast an [illegible] and, as I detected about two hours [illegible] [illegible] for a few [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Observe the Sabbath.

"*I have ever found* (writes Chief Justice Hale,) that a due observance of Sunday has ever joined to it a blessing upon the rest of my time; and the week that has so begun has been blessed and prosperous to me. And on the other hand, when I have been negligent of the duties of this day, the rest of the week has been unsuccessful and unhappy to my own secular employments, so that I could easily make an estimate of my successes of the week following, by the manner of my passing this day; and I do not write this lightly, but by long and sound experience."

God will signally honor the proper observance of this day, and will as signally frown upon its desecration.

Self-interest, then, if no higher motive, should secure the Sabbath against any diversion, by us, from the sacred purpose to which God has devoted it.

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Austin, Minn., January, 1868.

St Anthony Minn
March 13. 1868

Rev S. Jackson:
Very dear Bro,

This morning's mail brought me a draft for One hundred dollars from Albany. I feel greatly indebted to your kindness for this opportune contribution to my need. The Lord will reward you for it.

Bro Wilson is with me. He is invited to spend a part of his time in Minneapolis, and may preach in the Central Church of St Paul next Sabbath. The way does not open here.

The Westminster church expects me to accept their call. I propose to do so. The salary is raised to $2000. The next communion will probably be held on the 2d Sab. of [illegible]. I hope it will be com-

respect for you & see the [illegible]
some assistance, Mr will [illegible]
again.

We received seven persons to [illegible]
St Anthony Church on profession
since my return from Rockhale.
Others entertain hope.

I trust you will have a pleasant
ingathering at your next
Communion.

Remember me very kindly
to Mrs Stagellive. May she stand
fast in the Lord, and be a bright
star in your crown of rejoicing.
I often think of, and pray for
Mr. and that aged sermon, which
expressed a desire to be found
in the Redeemer.

Kind regards to Mrs Jackson

Yours very affectly in the
P. H. Jan

P.S. I have just observed that your Communion will be on 2nd Sab. of April.
Perhaps was [illegible]

Eyota Minn Mar 20, 1868.

Brother Jackson:

Dr. M. W. Jacobus in sending a box, which we rec'd this week, requested me to write you. Will be glad if you write & thank him and his kind people for their benefactions. They estimated the box at ($400.) four hundred dols and I think perhaps not any too high. It contained about 70 vols of books worth about 150 dols.

The clothing was all good - excellent. Mrs. C. was well remembered this time. Addie danced when I opened the box

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Among the books was Pre
and as I had one of th
15 bound pictorial. I have
perhaps Cuwten would ac
of mine. It is but little
and not a bef. tome. Will
write him? and let me kn
if he has one or not, & if
will accept &c. I co
easily exchange it in abo
etc. - if there is no one ne
Mrs C. is slowing convale
Her cough keeps her pro
gaining much strength.
Addie is very well. a
plays with her dolls & the
with much glee.
Join with us thanks
blessings Mrs L. joins
in regards to you & Mr
Your Bro
A. L. Thom

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Jacksonville, Waseca Co. Minn. April 15 1868

Dear Bro Jackson—

I discover through every issue of "The Presbyterian" that money is being sent to the Pres. Board of Publication for the purpose of sending Hodge's Great Work on the Atonement to Northwestern Missionaries. I claim to be one of that class and have no money to buy books with, and I feel sometimes that "individuality" I may perhaps be going backward. Sometimes I feel like crying aloud, when I read notices of Publication of Great Works that must be at our homes of knowledge and recollect, I am too poor to buy one, without taking the necessaries of life almost from my family. Perhaps you or Bro. Lyon can propose my name, humble name as a candidate from city

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Jacksville, Hancock Co. Mich. April 27th 1868

Dear Bro. Jackson,

My last was kindly received. I thank you most heartily for your kindness toward me and interest you take in my work. As it regards the cavalry saddle I bought one about six weeks ago, and paid a big price for it second hand. Had I known you could get me one it would have saved me twenty dollars which we need badly indeed. I have also got a Pocket Encyclopedia. I have read a letter you had lately published in "The Pre-Millennial" by some one of our Members here our Presiding Elder who has dared write as "Fanfaceline" through you. I wonder why, I could not or at least dare not express my views so well, but I must say "Hear are my sentiments."

You ask for statistical report for Conference — Jacksville Church

Lime Springs Howard Co. Iowa
April 16 1868

Dear Bro. Jackson 77

Thank you for your very kind remembrance of me and mine. When your late note was rec'd., after a very brief consultation with my family, it was decided to write at once to Rev. Dr. Condit. Your letter had been a week or more on the way, and we judged that if the good people of Oswego were waiting to hear from us at the time of your writing, they might be in suspense. and so it was thought best to defer writing you until we should hear from Oswego. We heard from Dr. Condit only yesterday. In a kind note he inquires in behalf of the ladies of his church, the number, size &c of members of my family &c &c

We had resolved - not formally - not to be any longer the recipients of such benefactions, thinking there were so many more needy than we, and we had been helping ourselves as best we could - Our people had been more liberal in the way of donations. The girls, by teaching, had done something towards their own expenses of clothing &c

Norman has also paid his own way the past summer – Grace had been teaching music at Frankville, boarding with Mr. Crawford – Nellie taught a summer school at Chester – Norman went on a surveying expedition in Wisconsin for a few months – But when all expenses of outfit fare &c were paid, there was scant provision made for maintenance during the winter –

I am expecting to be sent as Commissioner to the next Assembly – the nomination made last fall, will probably be confirmed at the meeting of our Presy. here, 27th inst. This will involve expenditure for clothing &c and we had been calculating on $60 due to Nellie for summer school to meet this extra. But just about the time your letter came, we heard the news of the robbery of our County treasury, making it altogether probable that we could not receive that money until next fall. This circumstance had much weight in deciding us to write at your suggestion to Dr. Conait – Now that his letter has been rec'd. we have thought it best to give the items of information desired, although we have some hope that we may not be in so much need at the time when the kind intentions of the ladies of Oswego shall be executed. But we are engaged in a church building enterprise & wife says if the expected benefit come to us when we can see that we might well have dispensed with it, why then we must do more toward the church. Norman works some land this season – Should Providence give a bountiful crop, and the girls do well teaching, we shall as one of my parishioners says "be even with the world"

But I want, if possible, to send Norman to some good school in the fall. He has made up his mind to secure a liberal education, but as yet does not decide to devote himself to the ministry of the gospel. I cannot therefore avail myself of the facilities offered by our Bd. of Education to those in a preparatory course with the ministry in view. He is making good progress in Latin & Mathematics. and is a very consistent professor of religion. I am not without hope that he may ere long decide to become, with leave of Providence, a minister of the gospel

Now often have I wished you could come and see us! Our place has changed much since you were last here. Our church is gradually growing in numbers – Yet is is a time of change – Some of our members have had enticing opportunities to sell out – and have done so. I trust these winds of change will blow them where they will be more useful than they otherwise could have been.

Meanwhile there has been a large influx of

Welsh Calvinists into our neighborhood.

Already they have two church organizations of near forty members, and I hear that another is now in contemplation – This latter is some seven or eight miles north-east of Foreston – Foreston has pretty much subsided – I learn that the Congregational minister has ceased to preach at that place altogether, but the Welsh have large Sabbath gatherings there. They appear to be "live christians" and I think will unite with our body. I find their ministers very cordial, and two of them lately told me that they preferred our Presbyterian form of government to their own. I have invited them to meet with our Presby. at our meeting here, and have no doubt they will do so. But am not sure that they are quite ready to unite with us. – Do you know of any good – and by that I mean both pious & energetic – man that could take my place here as the pastor of these two organizations? I feel that some one is needed here who can give more time to pastoral visitation than is possible for me – and there are other points in which I could give some effort with promise of usefulness. I have no difficulty with my people. All is harmony, but I feel that I cannot do them justice – With kindest affection, all my family send love to you & Mrs. Jackson Yours in the Lord

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Kingston Mecken Co Minn
Nov 5 Jackson, Dear Bro:

I rec'd several days ago notes from you & Bro Lyon respectively informing me that a bale of goods containing bedding clothes &c was on its way to me There was some misunderstanding at Clearwater in regard to the destination of the goods which occasioned considerable delay in their receipt but the bale came to hand yesterday all right. I desire to thank you most sincerely for your agency in the matter. The articles are for the most part of a very superior quality. The bedding comes very acceptable

There are some new articles
shown in which I cannot turn
to immediate account as for
ex. a few of boots & dittos of gaiters
which are too large. There are
also ½ doz very superior woolen
undershirts. Of which article I am
well off at present. However
some use may be found for them
I regard all such articles com-
ing in this way as ~~belong~~ not
private property but belonging to
the field & shall hold them sacred
as such. I shall of course
write immediately a letter of
acknowledgement to the ~~Lady~~
in N York who forwarded
them to us

Perhaps some of the brethren
may think we are very slow
about organizing churches out
here but to organize a church
you need first some material &
secondly there must be a willing-
ness or desire on the part of the
christian community to enter into
such an organization both which
obstacles we have to contend again
here. In my whole field (Kingston
& adjacent points to the east) I
dont know of a single O.S. Presby-
terian. Kingston is a very irreligious
place ~~the the~~ in the village the
Universalist element being very
strong. I hope some time
this spring however to gather to-
gether what christian people I
can in a Presby. organization
. In the field in Monongalia
co now occupied by Bro Wilson
there is a Scotch element favorable

of course to Presbyterian s
they are exceedingly cold - I hop
When Bro. W. leaves a similar
man may be found to take his
place

I am more & more convin
that for a resident Missi
ary to establish himself
in a frontier country like this
well in a place & draw out
the knowledge of the commu
nity he ought to be married
& keep house - On account
not being in this situation I fee
all the while that embarrassed
in my work - It is easy to say
"get married" but not so easy
do it - However I will labor on
& do the best I can & if things
continue as they are will turn
the field in course of time to
some more suitable person
Bro Mellham tells me he has
concluded to settle in Salem

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Faseca Minn.
June 3rd 1868.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

You and our "Eastern Friend" have my grateful thanks for the kind and timely favor rec'd from you through the P. C. yesterday. I doubt not your past labors in missionaling for our Common Master, have made the Cause very dear to your heart, and your past experience has taught you beside many other valuable lessons, a reliance on our Gracious Saviour which I have yet to learn - I am therefore greatly encouraged by an assurance that I have an interest in your prayers. I am thankful to have it to say that my general health has been much better since I came here than it has during the same length of s

time in the last year - and that I now enjoy almost as good health as ever I did. There are some things connected with this field of labor that look encouraging and some things again that are somewhat discouraging to me and make me feel hampered in my work. Amongst what I deem encouraging features are - the people generaly attend church well and as many as I have called on who I had reason to think were disposed toward Presbyterianism have given me a cordial welcome - but, on the other side of the case - there (that is church members) are very few in number and the great majority of the original organization live quite a distance from the town. Again - the fact is very patent to me that the Congregationalists hold the ground here - and are of a sufficient majority to maintain their present advantage - they have the S. School in charge, which is a powerful arm of influence anywhere. Again, the manner in which the Thursday Evening prayer-meeting has been generally conducted, is so very different from what I have ever engaged in before and so decidedly "noisy" on two occasions that I could not enjoy it. The exercises are voluntary. To this I can make no objection - if the fact of having voluntary exercises did not always convert the meeting into a Methodist Experience meeting. There are many earnest Christians amongst them and I doubt not they are all sincere - but I could enjoy the meeting more (and I have reason to believe there are others in the same case) if there was a change in the manner of conducting them. - I do not like to make any

Suggestions on this point of
they will think me exclusi
not willing to unite heartily
others in the good work. A
unless this town grows very fa
by immigration very soon the
brings in some Presbyterians
can see but small encourage
to hope for a self-sustaining or
a half-sustaining organizatio
very soon. There are some
elements in the community
might be brought into ~~the~~ our ch
if God should bless his work
by an outpouring of his spirit
for this object and to this end a
a continued interest in your
prayers. I hope to be able to
to the coming meeting of Presbyt
I shall come to your city a
the Monday previous and go wit
you if you intend going by
stage + have no other company
I have rec.d Cous. "Robb's" wedding-card
He is to be married tomorrow at
12. M. and I presume Providence
willing he + wife will be at Presbytery at
Lake City. Yours Fraternally

J. G. Patterson

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Posco Wasca Min June 16. 1868

Sheldon Jackson Dear Sir
On the 6th of this month I received your very welcome present to the children of this vicinity I live 4 miles south of Lake Elysian the lake is 6 miles long & 2 miles wide Okaman is at the head & Janesville is at the foot of the Lake Br Walters preaches at Janesville in the morning & at Okaman in the afternoon I am a member of the M. E. Ch. I do however know that Br Walters is doing good I am helping him according to the best of my ability as you will learn if you learn any thing about it & without any denominational sympathy I am trying to glorify God especialy in Sunday school matters My trip on Saturday the 6th inst will show you what I am doing

I walked from home round the head of the lake by Okaman's

I received the papers you sent me
went down the lake 3 miles from
Okaman to a point where I had
been trying to get a Sabath School
I had visited them twice before
I succeeded in getting a school organized
& now I learned that their $10.00
was subscribed for a Lyra & after
visiting the most of the families
& leaving a paper with each of them
I started for home, & as the fresh
had taken away the bridges
so that I had to wade one creek
in the morning the friends sent
a man with a boat to carry me
across the lake & thereby shortened
my trip 3 or 4 miles I got across
the lake at dark, 2 miles of
woods & 2 of bush land was between
me & home & some creeks &
next day I had 2 Sabath schools
to teach the road was muddy
but the stars were bright & beautiful

I walked up the bank of the
lake & met a man whose name
is Wilkins said he hailed from
the land of Sabbath Schools & was
lonesome & lost without Sunday school,
his sympathies were with the Baptists
but he could work with anybody
in Sabathschool, he had heard of
me, & had hoped I would help
him & the dear children there
I spoke to him of Br Brisman's
school at Okaman he thought
the Okaman school could not
reach their necessities & as soon
as I can I am to visit them
So it is the Mosquitoes bit me I got
in another creek & at 10 o'clock I
got home I drew a long breath &
said at home at last. I received
a present of a $10.00 Lifin from the
M. E. S. S. union of Chicago last week
new books half English & half German
this kind favor was from Br Hitchcock

who has been my presiding Eld
6 years. For that I have I had a
good place 3 miles east of my
house there are 60 children & on
6 teachers my book only met the
wants of the one school you will
excuse my poor writing for I have
been shearing my 14 sheep & my
arm & fingers are stiff & lame
The Lord of life & glory make
you a flaming herald &
useful

Geo P. Alexander

Oakman

Waseca

Minn.

Jamesville, Washington Co. Minnesota. June 5th

Dear Br. Jackson:—

Your favor came to hand last night and I proceed to answer. I am very anxious to attend Presbytery, but really don't know whether I can or not. I am little sorry to say so, but I suppose that I might as well say it as not and that is this I am wholly out of money. I cannot go without means. I know not how to ask the people here for money, nothing pertaining to parsonage "hard up!" I wish Br. Gyle could come out here sometime this summer and do for me as he did for Br. Gyle attended his ministerial tramp getting something from the people towards my support. I really do not know what the people can or will do for me.

Rev. C. V. Jerrett, Ina Jackson

someone or two individuals have
told me, that they were ready to do
all they could, if some one would, go
ahead with the effort. I do not like
to ask the people for anything, as it
would appear badly to some. If Bro.
Lynn would come out shortly and
spend a day or two with me, and
talk to the people on the subject, he
might do more than any other living
man to arouse & stirring up the pure
minds of the Brethren to remember
of their duty in this particular.
My last quarter for this year will
be up on July 15th and by cause my
Commission will be vacated.
I am now "totally broke", my
private bank is broken, and I am
compelled to suspend payment, and
go indebted. I am now living by
credit & the merchants money
"credit" thus if this is to go on
my "credit" may have to be suspended
also.

I am just as economizing a man
by, I try to save money all I can
and do every thing to save money as is
possible for me, and not appear mean.
Expenses will come up that I never
dreamed of. Moving only from the
=mouth to Jacksonville a distance
only of 8 or 9 miles was attended
in spite of all I could do to make
it less, with an expense of 84 or
$50 dollars. I do not think I can
possibly live on less than this year
cost (S600) six hundred dollars
in cash. I will not more, hardly
that. make both ends meet. I may
pap through the year without debt, but
I will not have laid up one dollar.
I do not say these things in a dis=
=contented spirit, for the contrary I
am contented and happy and so
are my wife, and taking the last
year as a whole, I have not
since I have been with Ministry
spent a more useful or happy and satisfactory

[illegible] long ago. Some time last
[illegible] view of the prospect before us
[illegible] the union movement by [illegible]
[illegible] Clubs [illegible] the first [illegible] further
[illegible] management. I can see no
increased interest in well or
meetings. I am raising money for
J. S. Libby, making arrangements
to circulate the American Mes[illegible]
among the people interesting. [illegible]
Again my spirits are steadily and
well attended as could be expected
[illegible] dinner [illegible]
[illegible]. I left [illegible] under [illegible]
with, and encouragement in my [illegible]
[illegible]. The people are getting [illegible]
with me, and there seems to be [illegible]
among the people, there is a [illegible]
giving.

Could you not loan me [illegible]
me in some way with money to [illegible]
Postage. I wish to come [illegible]
much, but cannot in my pr[illegible]
circumstances. If you loan me [illegible]
I suppose I can probably repay something
in July after I receive my
appropriation from the 3d Congression[illegible]
J. S. Parker

Dear Sir I received your letter yesterday and have
[illegible] Home
[illegible] Home
[illegible] Home

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Owatonna, June 17:68

Rev. S. Jackson;
Rochester, Minn.

My dear bro:

I should have acknowledged sooner the reception of your note, containing check. It came to hand in due time and is gratefully accepted. I have been so incessantly occupied this week in trying to secure a house, (unsuccessfully as yet) that I have had little time; and the anxiety has driven away the thought in unoccupied moments. My family are mostly at Dr Harsha's, and two of the children are at Mrs. Wheelocks.

I feel encouraged; but I

have not been enough to ar[illegible]
any great enthusiasm. Yet
I do feel useful for nevertheless
success, and will try to [illegible]ve
thankfully and humbly
greater measure I m[illegible]
attain.

My family are all u[illegible]
excellent health, and th[illegible]
drawback to work and [illegible]
is the want of a house. [illegible]
friends here are very [illegible].

I fear that I shall be [illegible]
expired next week wi[illegible]
arranging that I will [illegible]
be able to attend the Sa[illegible]
Convention, wh: I will [illegible]
a great privation.

Come and see us, and b[illegible]
[illegible] Kind regards to her [illegible]
to [illegible] Lyon, & others.

Yours in the Gospel
W. S. Wilson

St Cloud July 1st/68

Mr Lyon:

Dear Sir.

It is only at your request that I apply for another box. If the Ladies only knew how happy they make us by their presents it would encourage them in thier labors. We got two boxes last year but are nearly as badly off now as before. Some of our Storekeepers deal in Groceries. Boots & Shoes and Clothing as well as dry goods: We were so tightly pressed for money that we traded off all we could possibly get along without for things we could not do without: We did not like to part with the things the Ladies so kindly gave us. We had some tea and coffees sent in one box which was as good

so cash to us. If it were not for the Ladies in the East what would we missionaries do in the West? We have bought but little clothing since we came here and still we can scarcely get along: we are in debt nearly two hundred dollars for rent, groceries &c. We borrowed $150. dol to bring us West & took sick on the way and had to ~~stoff~~ stop off then we came to Cambria in his. Mr C had been corresponding with the Elder of the Church there and he gave him to understand that he could have that church if we would go there but when we got there they had engaged another man so we boarded out the balance of our money and borrowed nearly another hundred: then we were sent to this place by Mr Stewart-Mitchell. When we came we intended to board but soon found we could not pay it: so we bought a small sized cook stove for $40 a fine kitchen table and three Windsor chairs (we rented the bed and bedding) and went to house keeping and then lived on five dolls for the next three months. When it rained our house was full of water. I did my own washing and house work until I was taken sick when Jennie was born. Mr C taught school (does so yet to meet expenses) which left me part of every day alone when baby would cry I'd try to quiet her but could not move to touch her as I'd cry too and wish I was at home where things were comfortable & I could have Mother. We

were intensely poor: used
newspaper for a table cloth,
no towels. we each had a lit
bowl to drink our tea and co
from, made both tea and cof
in the same tin tea pot - an
cooked everything in the sa
pan. When Mr B came fro
school he'd do up the house
work then get to his sewin
he often did the washing
and wasn't very handy abou
I scarcely knew whether to lau
or cry when I first saw him at it
The first two years we were her
the people gave us 20 dolls now
they have subscribed five hun
but tis very doubtful about u
getting it: we believe they wou
like to pay up but cannot get
money. Money matters are ver
tight at present: I must close
having said more than I intended
to do of our troubles. Mrs E.B. Ca

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Harrison. Monongalia Co.
Minn.

July 15th 1868.

Dear Bro Jackson.

I visited, at the suggestion of Bro Lyon, the Rev: E. V. Campbell at St Cloud. At Kingston I met my dear mate D. B. Jackson. spent the 4th & c with him. Monday 6th we started for this point. We have been as far as Burbank - He has returned to his quarters at Kingston. I am now quartered in the left of a rude log-cabin, but the family are a cordial couple with one child. I enjoy advantages for

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prayer and meditation.

Last Sabbath I preached at New London 8 miles north - and at a small place - Green Lake in the P. M. I am obliged to foot this distance, until I get a horse - no prospects yet of such a thing, however. Bro Lyon suggested to make an appeal in the "Presbyterian." What say you to this? I cant do much at Burbank, Paynesville & other nth.n pts until I have some conveyance. I'm not complaining.

I find the people very courteous, and some families quite cultivated. My presence seems acceptable. and I trust in time much good may be done. Hard times are plenty, and hard cash is scarce. Farmers are looking for good crops. which will fill their purses, and their hearts with gladness.

They will welcome the R.R as a highway of wealth and prosperity to them. We meet at this place (Diamond Lake) in the upper room of a store, placed kindly at our service by a Baptist bro - and subject to any whim which may attack him, and turn us out into the cold - when it comes - There is talk of a school-house going up for our benefit.

Some religious interest prevails in the settlement.

I still find myself go
for your favors in furn
ing me those $25,

I want to take
muslin map, of your mis
field, on East - I go imm
diately after Synod.
have it, will you plea
bring it on with you!
am confident of doing
good with it. If I
you at Synod we wil
look it over for m
fication. Give my
gards to Mrs J.

Hope you'll write

I remain You

J. Alex McC

P.S. I have rec'd a letter from a friend. Mr. Adc
~~talk~~ advised him to write you. He is not lea
may do as well as Patterson at Winseca.

Oregon July 16 1861

Rev J Johnson

My Dear Friend

I send you by P.O. order fifty dollars ($50) for the "independent treasury".
It is to be used not for building but for missionary purposes.

I am glad that the Basis was [illegible] by Presbytery.

Our church is doing well but we will not have the dedication till fall.

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Yours truly J Johnson

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Please notice I have on a marginal initial in my minutes E. P. Sampson is the Baptist minister

Jackson — July 24th

Dear Bro.

The law only allows Conference to elect one letter but here as Domestic Mission is used by the B's (his not by the Lord) sounds three.

When I rec'd your note enclosing $25.00 I was at a loss to know whether the "present" was for me or our new Church. But I rec'd by the same mail, a letter from Bro. Gage of Kalamazoo informed me that Bro. McGowan & myself were offered a commission by the Board. and exhorted me to hold on, as in Rev. Sheldon Jackson of Rochester, the struggling mis-

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in Canada had a true friend &
a, supporter who often had
received & transmitted co
butions of Eastern friends
the relief of those in ne

From this, I gathered th
when Dr Cameron's funds
run out, the Lord had some
agents who as He directed,
plied the deficiency. And
it that upon one of th
agents & put the $25.00 into
almost empty wallet. If I
mistaken and this right
belongs to the church building
let me know & I will take
pleasure in handing it over to th
part & trust the Lord for m

If its are not fired up enough
the Methodist brethren have
a Camp meeting & the people are
quite tired. I am trying to
them up again — & get over ch
building rules prize under m
Hoping to see you here befor
Remain yours sincerely Ed Burwash

Cuyahoga, July 23: 63

Rev. S. Jackson:

Rochester Minn:

My dear Bro:

Your favor came to hand yesterday, and was most gratefully received, at a time when it was beyond measure, as I was trying to find, for the third time, how I was to provide food for my family. And when I went to the P.O. and found your remittance. It came like a cup of water for a weary soul, and the provision was as timely as that was for Elijah. I am thankful both to those friends who have thus contributed the money, and to you as their almoner. If they knew the anxiety sometimes felt by those who are in destitute case, and the relief they experience, they would never

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[illegible] Gouge.

Will you please convey my h[illegible]
t[illegible] acknowledgments (to me) pe[illegible]
to [illegible] I am indebted for
and a gracious favor of a d[illegible]
[illegible], received through you.

What are we all, who are
[illegible] on the Board, to
now that the Treasury is Emp[illegible]
and in the interregnum is [illegible]
to fail us for so long a ti[illegible]
Well, why is it that not a wo[illegible]
has appeared to us, or to the
at large about this depletion
of the Treasury, which cannot be
have been anticipated for [illegible]
p[illegible] if it had been [illegible] of
other Boards, the Ch: would ha[illegible]
heard of this before in detailed Com[illegible]
kindest regards to Mrs Jackson
[illegible]
Yours in the Gospel
[illegible]

Jackson Mich July 24th 1868

Dear Bro Jackson

Your favor of the 17th enclosing $25- was recd this morning It indeed seems that the Lord has opened his treasury for the supply of the deficiency of the 13th I came out here with the determination of staying as long as the Lord seemed to have work for me, trusting that he would sustain me When I opened your note this morning I felt as if I had not all claim to any credit for thus trusting the Lord; for it does not require a great stock of faith to trust Him when he sends his Spirit in our need to constrain the good brethren at the last to "lend to the Lord" for our support

As the donor is unknown to me please do me the kindness to present my most grateful thanks for this kindly ~~donation~~ provision & assure him that with the Lord's help his bounty will go to advance the interest of the Master's cause There is a vast field out here & much labor is needed. We are expecting on Friday for you Bro Lyon to organize our Church

I have the names of 16 within five miles of Jackson & 3 at Elm Creek 15 miles out who are desirous of uniting with us These are neighborhoods, South, West, & North West that I have not been able to visit yet among whom I hope to find more stray sheep to fill our little fold. We have a subscription list started for a house of worship I hope that with some aid from abroad we shall be able to glory in having a Ch erected before the enemy comes in to build churches

Pray for us dear Bro that the Lord will enable us to do much to withstand evil & build up his Kingdom in this growing region

With the hope that the Lord will still prosper you in your good work I am ever yours in Gospel bonds

Edward Savage

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Austin aug 15th 1858

To Rev Sheldon Jackson

Dear Sir

on Behalf of the Elders of our Church as well as myself I write this letter to you, knowing & feeling that you would take pleasure in doing us all the good in your power. We take freedom to write you in Reference to this matter, and to be plane we are but few and poor and not able to do much we have all that I think we can posebly handle this year to get our church out of debt and keep running. and we have understood that Mr Meyhew got Eight hundred dollars last year and has

present year he has no
assurance that he will rec
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we are afraid that if w
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this year as much as he ha
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of our Circumstances that
could help us out in our
way and the Elders Mr Hamilton
& Johnston desired me to
it you on this Subject a
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must excuse Every mistake
Errors that may be a deep fau
for our little Church and B
Master prompts me to rite
Yours truly
J C Gay

Jackson Minn. Aug 19th

Dear Bro. Jackson:

I am anxious that you & Bro Lyon should be here as early in the week as you can. I have had my hands full, visiting some of our people who have been sick, & preparing for my Sabbath exercises. Having no "Sanctum" this latter duty requires no small labor. I want you & Bro L. to stir the people up about building a church. I am determined to have it go on if I have to be Architect "boss carpenter" & laborers all at once. If you come by Winnebago by the stage you can't get here till Saturday night. If you

come by Mankato & Madelia you can get here on Friday P.M. & by Blue Earth you get here on Tuesday Morning — But better than all if you come by a private conveyance you can get here "when you have a mind". May the Lord bring you as soon as possible — Hearing no counter-mand of the last order from Bro. G our people expect the organization to be effected on Aug. 30th It is of great importance to us that it be as soon as possible. The Methodists have organized a church at our place & by preaching possibly will secure members.

Hoping to see you soon & make your acquaintance "in person"

I am yours sincerely
yours in the gospel of
a common Saviour
Ed. Savage

St. Charles, Sept. 12th. 1866

I do most gratefully acknowledge your timely gift received through Rev. Mr. Jackson, it came at a time when we were very much straightened with scarce means to mail a letter, we had a small debt of several months standing, at the tailors for which we had been dunned and dunned without the means to pay ~~which~~ which now we can do, through your benevolence.

May the Lord bless you with threefold to bestow upon some other of his servants and thus obey the command of our Saviour "Bear ye one another's burdens."

The people of our charge are mostly farmers, and the wheat crop (upon which <u>every thing</u> depends here) being lost for 3 years, money with them has been very scarce, and consequently so with us, 9 months of the year have past and we have received <u>no</u> <u>salary</u> as yet.

It required a long time to gather, thrash, and get the wheat into market, but we still hope.

During the summer our garden has supplied our table, the fruits of my husbands labor at early and late hours, many times at 4 o'clock in the morning have I found him with his hoe at work there.

Fresh meat is a luxury that we have but seldom enjoyed, but ~~this sacrifice and many others we cheerfully~~ make for Christ's sake, with the hope, by His blessing upon our labors, of doing

something for the upbuilding of His kingdom in this part of His vineyard

(signed) A. Missionary's Wife

Mrs H. L. Crawe

Janesville, Waseca Co. Minn. Sept. 2nd 68

Rev. and Dear Bro. Jackson:

I hope you will not feel that I am worrying you or occupying too much time in looking after my own temporal concerns. I received my new commission last evening — Sept. 1st. The Board can afford to pay me this year, but two Hundred and Sixty dollars ($260) I have lived very economically this last year, yet I am in debt. I had to borrow $30 thirty dollars and pay 40 percent. I am now buying my groceries on credit and have to pay higher than if I were able to pay for them when I get them ~~and advance~~. My wife has been and is sick.

My wife's being sick now for two months and still not able to do anything makes my expenses very large. Now perhaps three times more has it cost me to live that than it would, had my wife been able to do her own work this summer. I have moved twice this last year, from Iowa to Arkansas Line, from Arkansas Line to Jacksville, have had and still have sickness in my house and have to pay very high prices for every thing I buy and get done. This last year has been the most expensive I have spent since I entered the ministry. I hope things may take a turn for the better. At present the prospect for sixpent is a dark one.

The people here are poor ~~no matter~~ and in debt. The country is new and there are more consumers than producers. Many have come here to Jacksville and bought property, looking for the Rail Road, they have spent nearly all they had and we have no Rail Road yet. I understood they began to work at Wacca yesterday and are coming on here immediately. I hope that report may be true.

I cannot pay my debts and live on $260 dollars. What can be done to help me out of my difficulties?

You may ask me how the Church is getting on? It is doing just as well as could be expected.

My congregations are g
as good as I want them
to be. I am getting a mi
orderly little S. S. school
and teachers numbering
The Methodists at Wase
and all around Jam
are using every means th
can to draw off my con
=gation to their own. Th
will betake themselv
even to lying and slander
to hurt my influence. b
they cannot do it. I can,
with God's help, hold my own.
Now two things are wanting to
sustain; — God's grace, and a better
support. I cant live here, it
is certain, without something more
than the Board can give. Yours
Love to all friends. J. B. Ta

Dear Bro. Jackson: I send you 100 dollars for the draft of Bro. John, I send the Lord for help in behalf of you, and the other brethren. Bro. Jackson & Wilson, Hardinge & Co-laborers were lately on short rations or likely to be. Perhaps Bro. Hardinge has provided for them or the Lord has kept them. Bro. H. has correspondence with some that are able to help them. All well & send best love.

Your Bro.

Joseph Smith.

(Jan. 1865?)

Jackson Minn. Sept. 7th 1868

Dear Bro. Jackson:

Providence has greatly favored me since I came here. Tho' I am not 'rolling in luxury' exactly the Lord seems to have sent along just what I have needed in the right time. The draft that came from the Phelps Church came just as I was at my "purse-strings" end & supplied my immediate wants. In looking up our resources for building our church I found a difficulty in finding building material enough & wished that I had a timber lot of my own. With the $50. you handed me when here, I am enabled to pay two thirds of the price of a lot that was offered for sale & pay the rest on six months credit. I have

been out to-day to look at the timber & in a few days hope to get some arrangement into it — "heaps of wood" for the house of the Lord — For this timely gift I feel deeply gratefully to some of the Lord's stewards, but as I dont know which one of them — I will depute you to express my hearty thanks with the wish that God's blessing prayer that by this gift may be as seed, well sown, which shall yield to the donor a hundred fold of temporal wealth, from which he may sow again & again; & that each succeeding crop may bring with it a rich spiritual harvest, from which he may draw comfort in this life & at last find that, from his sowing, there has been stored up, in God's garners, celestial fruits, in which he may rejoice throughout Eternity.

We are not entirely "out of the woods" yet, but I feel greatly encouraged — Your sermon was instrumental in yielding me much help — Bro. Corning was thoroughly stirred up by it — Before you came I was thinking one who thought we could get our building up this fall; but now Bro. C. puts in his earnest "We can & we will" in the right way. The old gentleman who has done most "throwing cold water" on our enterprise has now shot his mark — We have secured a lot of lumber which he was "pointing for" for his store building, while he has been telling every body that we would do nothing this fall.

I hope he will learn that it is never too early to build a house for the Lord, when the devil's agents are around looking for a brewery site. We hope to get the timber out here very soon. The saw mill has gained a little water & is running again. Siding boards & things must come from Mankato or Waseca.

Bro. Lyon thot best to defer doing anything towards the incorporation of the Church till I got back from Synod. But upon examining the statute, I thot it best to push on, & gave a notice yesterday, & will repeat it next Sabbath, of a meeting on Oct. 10th for the election of trustees.

I looked about on my return to find out the wants about Madrilia & a little South. I think a fine field could there

be opened for another Missionary forming a connecting link between Waseca & this place. There is good encouragement there for the organization of another church.

Bro. Thayer wrote to me that he proposed making a tour thro' this section & asked me to exchange with him for Oct 4th or 11th. I accepted his proposal for the 4th & in my answer mentioned this field in Watonwan County giving him the name of the man I found best posted. J. K. Webster of the town of Odin. an O.S. Presbyterian.

I feel more & more my need of a study. Especially when the wind blows a little "fresh" over these prairies, reminding me that they present private rooms.—(behind a haystack & up

the ravine on a big rock) will hardly be suitable after Christmas.

If I am to have a house of my own — i.e., if it is the Lord's will I trust the necessary means will be sent from some quarter.

If we get our church up I shall be so grateful that I think I can study write in my boarding place in spite of the babies' crying & other inconveniences.

I shall meet you undoubtedly at Presbytery & then I hope to report progress. In the meantime may the Master bless you in your work & otherwise as you need. Hoping to be remembered by you at a throne of grace for God's blessing & sustaining power & grace in my work I am Ever

Yours in the Gospel

Edward Sa

Eyota Sept 7 1868

Dear Brother Jackson

Yours of 5 inst containing the check for 25 dols is rec'd. For which you will please accept our hearty thanks. Just when most needed the blessings come. "The Lord is good and ever doing good to the Children of men".

The straitened condition of the Bd. of F.M. must certainly produce distress in the families of some of the brethren. Unless the Lord send them special relief. For our part we have not suffered; but have only prevented it by going in debt - much deeper than I wish to

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We will soon have our
Church building under co
tract. Though we have
about two thirds of the amo
subscribed that will be n
essary to complete it yet
we feel we must move
forward trusting. Plea
pray for us that our faith
fail not.

Please say to the Authors
of this Piece we have rec
that though unknown to
us we feel no less than
and will hold them in
remembrance in our prayers
to the God of all grace

Yours in the Gospel Do
A. L. Thomas

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Salem Sept. 9th 1868.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

On account of purchase of horse for Br. Caphenter, I have collected & paid to him $108 70. He paid for the animal he bought $150; borrowing from Br. Potter payable Oct. 1st. The horse is said to be a good purchase, & have not seen it. Buckboard-buggy he got from Brady, harness a gift from Mr. Carpenters father; so all are now at work. I shall probably receive nothing more for this fund, so I respectfully submit &c —

I would gladly be at the installation service of my friend & classmate, but do not expect to. Yours &c.

J. Quincy Smith.

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Janesville, Waseca Co. Minn. Sept. 9th 1866

Bro. Jackson

96 I have just found time since I returned home to write, I shall not enumerate or mention what my difficul=
=ties have been. I feel there is something exced=
=ingly delicate in a man's talking and writing
about himself. This last summer, I endured
my trials as patiently as I could, determined
fully in my own mind and heart that I would
not complain, till my necessities compelled
me. But thanks be to God for his "loving
kindness" because of His "tender mercy"
in supplying in some measure our wants.
I feel grateful, not merely for favors
shown me, but for favors shown so many
of my dear brethren, similarly situated
to myself.

I hereby beg leave to thank, through that
does not repay all, for B U I received
at Minneapolis. I see I have a long way to
walk by faith this coming winter, but I firmly be=
=lieve, that "He who has graciously kept
me from the beginning, will keep me to
that mine to the end." Kind regards to Mrs.
Jackson.

Yours in Christ
Jno. B. Walter.

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Synod of St. Paul,)
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In Session 28 Sep.1868.)

"The following paper was prescribed & adopted:viz.

To the Board of Domestic Missions:

The Synod of St. Paul, in answer to the invitation of the Board for suggestions as to the necessities of the Board at the present time, beg leave to suggest most respectfully - that in view of the depletion of the Treasury,if the Board see the way clear to the employment- in some capacity of Rev. Sheldon Jackson, of Rochester, Minnesota, we think it would be very advantageous, inasmuch as we have often found him to have a remarkable tact in interesting the churches in the cause of Missions & awakening(& awakening) an interest in behalf of distributions in Missionary regions & in soliciting & collecting friends in their aid. In this respect we think he has few if any superiors in the church. And we believe he would be willing to serve the cause of Christ in this or any(other)way to which the providence of God may call him.

And we beg leave to suggest further, that this recommendation is spontaneous & not the result of any communication with him, & of this action he is entirely unaware."

A true extract.

CHarles Thayer,
Stated Clerk.

(Copy)

"Mission House, 907 Arch St.
Philadelphia, Oct.6th,1868.

Rev. Chas. Thayer,
Farmington, Minn.
Stated Clerk of the Synod of St. Paul.

Dear Brother:

Your favor of the 28th ult,containing an extract from the minutes of your Synod, is at hand.

In reply I have the pleasure to inform you that we have anticipated the wish of the Synod & hope to have the gratification of a visit from the Rev. Sheldon Jackson, in the course of the present week. Mr. Jackson had been invited to come East some months ago, but his engagements prevented him from coming at that time. He has written to us that we may expect him here on the 7th.or 8th. inst. He will visit several of the Synods in this part of the country, & I hope will be able to stir up the ministers,&c. to greater zeal and liberality. By presenting and pleading the cause before such large bodies he will be able, the Committee thinks, to accomplish more in a short time than in any other way.

With best wishes,
Yours Truly,
G. W. Musgrave,
per Amanuensis.

A true copy furnished by order of the Synod of St. Paul.

Charles Thayer,
Stated Clerk.

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Mission House, 907 Arch St.,
Philafelphia, Oct. 17, 1868.

Rev. S. Jackson,
Dear Brother:

At a meeting of the Ex. Committee, held on Thursday, the 15th inst., the following resolutions were adopted, viz:

Resolved,- That the Rev. Sheldon Jackson, be requested to remain East during the month of November, and as opportunity offers to present the claims of the Board before the Churches, provided his remaining here will not interfere with his pastoral relation & duties; and provided also that the funds to be raised by him shall go into the Treasury of The Board.

Resolved, That seventy five dollars, with necessary travelling expenses, be appropriated for that purpose.

Yours truly,
G. W. Musgrave,
per Amanuensis.

Janesville, Waseca Co. Minn. Sept 11th 68

Rev. & Dear Br. Jackson:

Your kind letter containing a check with $50 is rec'd. It contained $25 from you and $25 from some of your friends. I never I was overjoyed almost, at the sight of a little money, it was there. It looked beautiful and lovely. It was greatly needed and will be greatly useful. After being sorely pinched by poverty and sickness, wanting even the necessities of life, in some instances, never blest with its luxuries, to receive $50, is as good almost as to hear an angel of heaven speaking audibly to one, whose head is bowed down, saying;—
"Trust in the Lord, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed." (Psa. 37:3)

I feel a delicacy in "blowing my own trumpet." It is not pleasant. I would like to tell and you would like

Many thanks to Bro. Jackson and kind friends for their wise and liberal

to hear a pleasanter story.

Within the last ~~two~~ year, I have moved twice. From DuBuque Iowa, to Okaman Minn, and from Okaman to this place, Janesville Minn. Moving is expensive business. My removal from Okaman to Janesville a distance of 8 or 9 miles with all necessary and ~~concom~~ concommittant expenses cost me $85 v. My wife has been in delicate health all summer, and we have had to have hired help in ~~the help in~~ the house at high rates. This summer my buggy, which was rather too light in the wheels had to have a new set of wheels costing very nearly $50. It looked like every thing conspired to cost me money. Oats became so high and scarce that my horse has almost died of starvation. I have had even to hire money $30, at 4 per cent. per month, per dollar, at the rate of nearly 50 per cent. per annum. Besides borrowing money at such rates I have had to go in debt for the necessaries of life. And as often as otherwise gone without rather than borrow and pay heavy interest or go in debt. Nothing lowers or debases a minister in peoples estimation, as to be everlastingly borrowing or "going on tick". The Board Domestic Mission, has the misfortune, to have an empty treasury, our churches do not come up to work of filling up the empty treasury, so under the circumstances our B. D. M. can give me this year but ($260) two hundred and sixty dollars. Last year it was ($350) three hundred and fifty dollars; but my appropriation from the Board has been cut down a small fraction over twenty-five percent. You can easily see that is extremely a hard blow. The people here are poor, for the most part. If any of them have any property, they are in debt. Their crops failed for the last two yr. some of them have had to pay large percent and borrow money. I cannot look for much from this people, at present, if any thing. I am a husband and a father of two living children

I am forced to ask, How am I going to live? My pledged salary from the Board being only $260 with no great prospect of getting that with difficulty, of its drawing. But I can trust, my blessed Savior. He never laid a burden upon me I could not with His help bear, though heavy to be borne. We have, especially my wife this last summer been to pass through deep waters, we have come through. My wife has stood up under her sorrows bravely. She could suffer and do for her Master, what she could in former years ~~What in former~~ have looked upon as insuperable. Our friends in older and more favored portions of the church will not permit us to persist who are willing to do and suffer in doing this heavy frontier work. There seems to be it appears to me, an effort to hold us here in Minnesota, back in our aggressive work. I hold however that we are doing here in Minn, just what our brethren ought to do all through this young and rising West. Our only fault, is, out here in the West & North West that we are not by one half, aggressive enough. Let us not therefore give up, till the Lord tells us we must give up, then will we bow in humble submission to His holy will and never before. Yes. truly will we back down a single inch.

Jno. B. Vandeventer

Haseca Minn.
Sept. 14th 1868

Dear Bro. Jackson:

Numerous and varied engagements, have necessitated the postponement of a most pleasant duty which ought to have claimed my attention at a much earlier day. Prefer to the acknowledgement of the reception of 25 Dolls. through you, from some "Friend in the East". I wish those "Eastern Friends", who hold the Western Missionary in such kind remembrance, could exchange positions with him for a short time. I wish they could be encompassed by a few of his embarrassments and feel the pressure of

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of his necessities. I would not presume to return their thoughtful kindness thus, by laying upon them the burdens their beneficiaries often have to bear, but, I am persuaded, that aside from this, there is no possible experience, by which they could be fully qualified, for a just appreciation of the grateful & joyous emotions which their benefactions awaken in the hearts of some who receive them. Your remittance of $25-came to hand just when it was most needed. It arrived very soon after the reception of an official notice from our Board of Missions, to the effect that they were, as yet, "unable to meet their liabilities for the Past Quarter." Six weeks have passed away since the expiration of the Quarter and I have received nothing but the notice mentioned above. I doubt not the expected "check" will yet come to hand, but, I can not meet my own accumulating "liabilities" by this blissful anticipation. And my ability to do so is growing less every day under the pressure of my Land-lord's impatience in waiting for the arrival of the expected remittance from Phil^a. Whilst living under the growing pressure of such circumstances, I need scarcely assure you that the relief which the remittance from an "Eastern Friend" affords, is most gratefully received and most highly

appreciated by me.
The Donor is unknown
but, I hope, & pray, that
the Divine Master who
commended the widow's
offering may bless the
heart of the Giver with
"all spiritual blessings in
heavenly places in Christ"
and, that this, and every
similar effort may
contribute no small portion
toward building the walls
of Zion in this great
North Western Field.
Your Bro. in Christ
J. G. Patterson

Waseca Minn.
Monday Morning
Sept. 14th 1868

Dear Bro. Jackson:

I recd. a letter from Bro. Gage on Saturday saying that in the event of my being disappointed in receiving the $500 from the East for which I had written he thought you might be able to obtain it for me for a few weeks. I have been disappointed in getting it from the East. I recd. a letter from Bro. Parkhill our Elder at home on Saturday containing a check for $408 00/100 the contribution of our churches toward building here. Mr. P— is Cashier of a Nat. Bank at home & I had written him

for a loan of $500 for six months. He says he "knows no one who has the money to loan, he has not got it himself, and it is such a loan as the Bank would not make". I know not what to do. I have made some inquiries here & find that every one who has any has invested it.

The only resort left me is to appeal to the Lord in prayer and lay the case before you who have the "care of the Churches coming upon you daily". The former I have done & the latter I now do. If you can secure me the use of $500 until such time as you think it can be obtained of the Board our enterprise will go on if not I see no other alternative before me than the sad one of letting it fall to the ground. It is now standing still for the lack of the Five Hundred necessary to begin with, and if this were secured we would begin to build immediately. Mr. Shaw says that "Chadbourn Brothers" Bankers, formerly had money to loan and he thinks they have now. Do you think you could secure it from them or any one else on reasonable terms? I will await your reply with prayerful anxiety.

I rec'd my papers of dismissal from Redstone Presbytery on Saturday & on the strength of that, I announced at yesterday's service that the "Pres. of South. Minn". would meet in Waseca on Wed. Evening next at 7½ o'clock for Bro. Savage's

and my ordination. I have
begun to make arrangements
for entertaining the members
Presbytery & presume I sha
be able to entertain all who
will come at least no one
need remain away for fear
that their presence might
over-task the hospitality of
Waseca. I have been so
busily engaged the past we
that I have not had time
write that promised letter
but will do it today.
I hope to hear from you
tomorrow.

Your Bro. in Christ
J. G. Patterson

P.S. Remember me very kindly
Mrs. J— & family.

J. G. P.

St Peter Oct. 5th 68

Dear Bro Jackson,

I drop you a few lines as you requested & make what use of them you deem best —

I hope you will have a pleasant & profitable visit among the churches and friends in the east. You are doubtless informed of the action of our Synod — As the Board desired suggestions on action was simply this that in this emergency when funds are so much needed, the Board secure for a time the services of one who ought to be able to awaken a deeper interest

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in the Church in behalf
this cause — & thus put
your name as a suitable
man for such work — I
hope the Board will feel
like taking action in my co.

Should you call o
Mr Newkirk be so
as to remember me to
him — I called with Mrs
Mr Lyon just a few days
before Mr N's death — He was
my cheerful & pleasantest
communicant that evening.

The Lord be with you

Your truly
A. H. Kerr

Jackson Minn.
Oct. 11th 1868

Dear Bro Jackson:

I secured the lumber for my ch. on credit - on the strength of the loan of $250. which you offered me of - I made a good deal by buying in Minneapolis - By a contribution of $60. from the Wetm. Ch - (Br. Samples) I was enabled to pay for my window & door frames, door, sash & glass. The other lumber (stock boards battens, flooring, shingles & lath) amounted to $149.30 which Ankeny Pettit & Co made $140. The freight of the whole to Mankato, by special favor from S

the offices of the Valley R.R. I expect will not exceed $25. I did not expect our so much of a freight bill - but the Central Road charges to Mendota are high -

All are surprized at my good fortune - & I trust I shall be able to get things sounder right this fall so as to keep ahead of anything in this region -

The Methodists I hear are to be supplied irregularly by sundry brethren - I had a good laugh at our Bro. Lyons - for changing me over your again not to be too fast - about organizing the Ch. at Antioch - & then going down there ahead of me & doing it himself. I preached for them last Sabbath - I trust we may have union in them before long as it will be a good field & a good stepping stone to the nearest R.R. point -

I am very busy - pastor having to perform double service - I cant have any one to do any thing for me - but have to do in the whole thing - I have read the questions & answers for the Bd of the Extension - I will try to answer them satisfactorily soon - Hoping to hear of your prosperity in your work I am ever yours fraternally

Ed. Savage -

102 J. Irwin Smith

La Crosse Oct. 21st

Dear Bro. Jackson:

That I designed, when I promised to write you during your absence, was to give, as you had requested, some personal narrations in the progress of our undertaking in this field. But I have never had, since I joined, a half hour I could give to such object. The amount of it would be what you know, that we have learned in it both how to abound, in the apostles meaning, & how to suffer want. And I would add, with all its straits & perils, if it were to go over again, I would gladly repeat its experiences as the

richest & happiest of my life. The charge & care of the church edifice, preparation & payments on my own dwelling & provisions for my family — I may wonder how I have endured them all. Dark clouds at times closed about us & but the light broke all the brighter after. The burden sometimes grew weighty, but it has always lifted with a reaction of expansive delight.

This fall we have been waiting the expected favors from Br. Nixon's people at West Jerusalem so that Mrs. S. says she has at last made over the last remnant article she can find in the house. But if that provision does not meet the case, I am at the which the Master knows of will. I wore, myself, last winter an overcoat which I feared my people wd have chosen to dissolve their relations with, as we grew out of age. This year I have decided to provide one, under that painful thinking from always going in debt for what I need, rather pinching everything to get out. Yet "Your Father" knoweth that we have need of all these things, & so go on with the work, all necessity compelling us hence.

You may see in life Column of "Pr" a letter from a Mrs. Miley lamenting his sorry house. It was written from Br. Main at Keilsville. Mrs.

Wells for the purpose it seems
I to day I send him $25. on
half the proceeds from Spe-
cial Appeal of Br. Lyons &
Exec. Committee - published
in August. And from
other quarters I hope to ob-
tain some relief for him.
The Commission of Board dates
Aug 1st for $200. Bro. Orgain
has my receipt for the $25.

On Sabbath Coming
we to dedicate our perfection
Sanctuary to divine service
& bro. Sample to preach.

May the Lord & yours
You in this favor, upon
the Name & voice for his
Name. is the earnest pra-
er of Your in law,

J. Irwin Smith

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Lacrescent Minnesota

Oct 26 1868

Dear Bro Jackson,

Father Lyon thought that you had not thoughtfully Bro Blair requested me to write him concerning Nothing which I did & received the enclosed from him.

As I thought likely you had written him, but I enclose his letter to you.

Bro Smith's church was dedicated yesterday, Sample preaching.

My little horse proves good & is a great help to me in getting out & back in the bad roads. I have considerable encouragement at Wheaton and the expectation of a good settled young man - an Elder in Israel, I am

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Little Brownsville church. This man the Bible says, never fears, he never heard of a Presbyterian church dying. He is the kind we need.

Yours Truly

J H Carmichael

Rudisfore Mess
Oct 19 '68

Brother Jackson

Do what you can for Austin Cunningham He has smoked his "bottom dollar" when I came –
I have given him $25. to get him a load of wood – a few bushels of potatoes – & pay rent for two or three weeks – His wife <u>needed</u> clothing yet – The money part is all gone – Down here it makes his cards known as it is –
If he sends for any clothing you will see to that also –
The people at Hamilton will probably do <u>something</u> but they are terribly "broke" Cunningham has been serious

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[illegible] Since Synod – is now
better – I feel [illegible] plan
Hamilton Institute – but Council
got no plan for meeting
& have no further decision but
[illegible]

The Lord has declared
[illegible] offer in Sam[illegible]
[illegible] – & I expect he
[illegible] declined or
[illegible] refuse [illegible]
[illegible]

I write [illegible] brother C[illegible]
[illegible] & [illegible]
& go to [illegible]

Yours
[illegible]

The Lord blessed & [illegible]
you –

105 H. A. Mayhew

Boston, Mass.
Oct. 27. 65.

Mr. H. A. Mayhew

Dear Brother:—

Your kind letter of the 17 & Mrs. Mayhew was received a day or two since, & she writes in haste.

The F. C. — you see in last of Jr's remarks is much at issue. Yes & yes & yes helped us greatly, but, on account of 1 & 2 helped us more.

You speak of your dear Christ-children. We felt much as the Psalmist had received one of our nearest and dearest friends & acquaintances. With whom will God fill his place in the Church, especially in the work? The Lord knows

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all things well. He has called him up higher, & his works do follow him. Even at the end of time shall God's glory abound in ever expanding circles. Through the faithfulness of that one woman so fruitfully & abundantly did the grace of God overflow him & by him. Yet this widow realizes that God is the God of the widow & fatherless.

Very truly Mr. Jackson I have your very kind & valuable box of clothing. Bro. L. is peculiarly fitted over the interests of the Mission, & his services have been instrumentally blessed. Many hearts rejoiced, & God will reward him. You will see from the loss, accidents &c. which I will give you, by the Sec'y Mrs. &c.

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According to
[illegible] enclose you the list
you requested, so that one selection
may be made from it as it
most convenient to the [illegible],
& without venturing to expect
that all the articles can be supplied
as mentioned in my general email
that if desired I can [illegible] you
fitting [illegible] for them [illegible]
[illegible] "Brown's letter" [illegible] between
you or [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible], & [illegible] [illegible] have
might think it [illegible] [illegible]
that [illegible] [illegible] thing [illegible] [illegible]
If desired [illegible] made [illegible]
Text [illegible] I found the [illegible]
[illegible] of these fittings [illegible]

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[illegible] small only [illegible]

[illegible] I have
[illegible] to make them on
[illegible] home.

I have most happy to answer
any inquiries from the Ladies, with
[illegible] to me, it may be that
I have not explained satisfactorily
as I prepared the list amid
[illegible] interruptions & it may
not be very comprehensive.
Mr. H. returned home on Saturday
[illegible] was quite ill for 2 weeks,
[illegible] on his way home, to
[illegible] He very much
not write a word, he was obliged to
attend a funeral this morning &
this has been so long delayed
[illegible] I hope on his answering
about the pins & so, and then
[illegible] to send it off in haste,
[illegible] with me in thanking you
[illegible] for their kind interest
[illegible] C. [illegible]

Rev. Mr. H. [illegible]
[illegible] long
[illegible] how [illegible]
pile on [illegible] to Rev
Mr. [illegible], and [illegible] for
the trouble of writing [illegible] you
must have your hand full
of correspondence. May the Lord
strengthen & bless you in your
labors of love & [illegible]
[illegible] Much obliged for the
information contained in the
letter & for your kind wishes
[illegible]
C. N. H.

[illegible] if you [illegible]
in this region [illegible]
have us a visit [illegible]
[illegible] happy to see you

Jackson Minn. Nov. 3rd 1868

Dear Bro. Jackson:

Yours of the 24th ult. from Chicago was rec'd this morning – I felt a little disappointed in its announcement – But never mind – the LORD will provide. I shall be grateful for the stipulated favor by Dec. 1st With that I think I can get along – The work of getting out the framing timber is slow, but I trust I shall have better success in a few days in getting men & teams – I have only one load of timber in from Mankato, three teams out & two more to send – My bill ~~from~~ Ankeny, Robinson & Pettit of Minneapolis amounts to only $140. I paid the freight out of my own pocket –

I have felt — well I can't tell you how I have felt for

two or three days past, in view of the article in the N. W. Presbyterian of Oct. 24th, headed "Caution"

I wrote to Dr. Musgrave yesterday, enclosing our contribution to the Bd of F. Missions, & I was plainly told him of my feelings in reference to this document of the Ex. Com.

I have thought since writing to Dr M. that if our good Bro Lyon could have stood behind me and read over my shoulder, he would have put his hand on my arm with his careful "Hold on, Ed, not too fast."

But, my dear brother, under the circumstances it was as impossible for me to keep still as it would be for a cork to keep under water. When you know the circumstances that conspired to make me pour heavily this faith

chilling effect of this "Caution" of the Ex. Com. of the Bd of Dom. Missions, you will not wonder that I felt like boiling over.

Last week was a very busy week for me & I was not able to get at my sermon till Saturday morning, except to think of a subject, as I run around, & determine to present the claims of the Bd of D. Mis. & preach a sermon on the duty & practicability of beneficence, for all. As I was casting about for a text, from which to draw encouragement & show my little flock that, even in their own poverty & pressing need, it would be consistent & proper for them to contribute, I took up the letter of a friend, in which, after a kind expression of sympathy for me in the trials of my work, I found these encouraging words "But amidst all may you ever remember the divine promise Jehovah jireh"

These words seemed so full of encouragement & capable of such wide application, that I at once took up a sheet of sermon paper & wrote down, quickly

as my text, and when Saturday morning came went to writing under the following circumstances, not the most favorable for ~~developing~~ sermonizing. The cold wind drove me from my study, in the airy loft of the house, to the well occupied room below, where Mrs Garratt (who is one of the kindest of women) cleared off her breakfast table to afford me a place to write, where I could keep warm; and afterward went back to her wash-tub, where she had her baby in a high chair by her side, striving to keep the little thing from crying & to work at the same time, while her oldest (a bright little girl of two & a half years) was running about the floor, occasionally showing her sisting for me by throwing a young kitten into my lap or carrying off some of my papers or books. Amid these domestic scenes I got on nicely, & enjoyed the prospect of of completing my sermon that night, being near two thirds done on the middle of the afternoon.

But alas it was not so ordained. Although

[illegible] so small (only two

4 o'clock Mr Garratt came in with a letter for me & several papers. Of course, not fore seeing any evil in my good Mother's hand writing, I opened her letter eagerly & read it through – At the close she wrote "I have marked a 'Caution' in the Northwestern for you to read" Again I took open the N. W. Presbyterian & read the caution of the Executive Committee of the Bd of Missions. I hardly need tell you that it pained me sick & made me heart sick; & that after reading it, I could not help feeling like saying to these frontier people, who have a hard time to feed & clothe themselves, that they should ~~pinch~~ ~~pinch~~ & deny themselves the comforts of life, to contribute to the Bd of Missions, when the Ex. Com. of that Bd virtually warns the public against giving to those who ~~are interested~~ striving to obtain help towards supporting the gospel & planting gospel institutions among them. Yet the object of the sermon before me was to show them their duty in contributing to this Bd. to show them that if they exercised faith in giving their mites now, the LORD would provide

for them ~~instife~~ & increase their ability to give in the future. But with that faithful caution before me & in my mind I could write no more that night, though I sat up till half past one o'clock. I went to bed at last, suffering with an aching head & a dull prospect for the work I anticipated for the Sabbath. In the morning, Mr Garratt kindly relieved me of taking care of my house & at half past seven I was writing again. But it seemed as if I could not drive away the thought of that (as it seemed to me) spirit of unrighteous jealousy, that seemed to "stick out" in the whole of that preamble & resolution. After a while, however, I got my thoughts more on my subject & wrote nearly a third of my sermon between half past seven & a quarter past ten, altho' during a considerable part of the time, both parents were out, leaving me alone with the children, one

of which was trying her little (?) lungs to their utmost capacity, while the other was pounding on a tin pan with a butter ladle. Sermon writing in the midst of such a juvenile concert is ~~terribly~~ inconvenient; but without the least "Elongation of veracity" I can say that I would rather write all my sermons for a year in the midst of such a bedlam than to have one such document, as the late 'Caution' of the Bd's Executive Committee published to chill the spirit of liberality among Christians & to dishearten & discourage those laboring upon the outposts of Zion.

But though I felt as ~~though~~ if the cold bath of the Executive Committee's Caution had taken all the starch, fire & every thing else, out of me, I presented the Bd's claims & after the sermon took up a contribution. The sermon, however, seemed to me a failure. There wasn't a particle of "vim" in

it. After this Saturday's & Sundays Experience you may well judge that I didn't write to Dr. Musgrave without some show of feeling - I could not help it - Perhaps it was wrong - but if so, ~~my other demands~~ & if such a work as mine demands that a man should take such things quietly, I have not grace enough, & my dear brother, another man better be sent here - I would step aside & let another in, for I have too much of the "Old Adam" in my constitution, to let men stand on my neck & not let them know who is under them - But enough of this. I go to ~~my~~ woods lot day after tomorrow with James Kerr to cut some timber for the Church - Hoping to hear from you & praying for Gods blessing upon "your" "independent operations" as well as your appeals in behalf of the Board, I am Ever

Yours fraternally,

Edward Savage

Rushford Minn
Nov. 6th 1888

Dear Bro Jackson

On last Saturday when I was at the Depot about starting for Houston I was made the happy recipient of a letter containing a check from Mr. S. D. Powel for $250.
It was a surprise. I thought perhaps I might be dreaming, for such an amount of money from the Treasurer of the Board of Domestic at one time was unsurpassed in the whole of my experience in the ministry & also in the experience of many of my brethren.
But as I looked at the deep mud underfoot through which I had just passed & then to the storm-clouds above me & felt the chill-s

ing wind as it swept past warning of the rapid approach of winter. I concluded I was alone & was dealing with realities.
The accompanying letter from Rev. J. J. Lowrie made all necessary explanation, & stated that the money was ~~taken~~ contributed at Lancaster by persons present at the meeting of the Synod of Philadelphia, & all the result of your address.
My dear brother I thank you for remembering me & for securing this amount for me. This money has already assisted us in preparing for the coming winter. I did receive $25 from Father Lyon when he was here. At that time we had reached our bottom dollar, yes had gone below it.
I have entirely recovered from my recent sickness & am able to saw my own wood again.
Mrs. C. of course had her hands full during my sickness. She is well ~~yet~~ but has at present only the full use of one hand, having an extremely sore finger.
I am encouraged here more & more. But Houston gives me the blues every time I think of it.
I do not suppose there will be any church building there this fall.
I have determined we will have some regular place for holding our meetings & have engaged the room where we met to organize. The owner however has reserved the privilege of using a part of it for storing grain when he is overstocked in the room below.
There is no more interest there than there was in the summer, except that one of the members has handed

me his half yearly subscription
for dollars. Mr. Lyon could not
many of them logeches but I
think his visit has done some g
I will have one preaching point
about eight miles to the S. East of
Rushford. I go out for the first
time on next Sab. They have a
good Sab. School for which Br. Sconer
has just sent me a library & some
Childrens Raise.
Lanesboro is growing rapidly. The
leading man there is a Presbyterian.
The Rail Road will reach that
point in two weeks. It is generally
regarded as an important ~~point~~
place. There is money at the bottom
of it & it will surely grow.
Mrs. C & I are very thankful for w
assistance you have secured f
us.
Bro. Gage insisted on sending our
names to the Central Ch. Cincinna
as applicants for box of clothing. Br
Since we do not need a full outfit w
declined his kind offer.
I will need a few articles when
winter comes & will send the li
to you thinking you may have

an opportunity of securing them for me.
I need a pair of boots (No. 8)
such as I can wear comfortably with overshoes.
I also need a pair of overshoes (Arch cs),
such as would be proof against cold wet. I had a good pair which I don't wear with me but tramped them out at Owaunna last winter.
The black suit which you were so kind to get me last winter will be nearly used up by this winters work & although I do not need ~~one~~ a new one now yet since this is the season for making such solicitations perhaps I ought now to apply. What do you think?
There is just one item more & I hope you will not think that I have become unduly disregardless of the "Caution" after my donation

from the Synod of Philadelphia, or have had my wants supplied up by that timely favor.
But while we have the assurance that our bodily wants will be cared for during the winter (presuming of course that the good people of Rushford will continue their faithfulness in bearing their portion of the burden & that our friends at Houston will be brought see their duty in a new light) I do not feel able to make that provision for my mental wants which I desire. I would like to keep in sight of my brethren as they press forward in the ranks of learning. I did once resolve that I would add one hundred dollars annually to my library but my situation this year will not allow me to expend one half of that amount.

Permit me here to state that I have made application to the Boudinot Fund for assistance to start a Congregational or Ministers Library. I do not know whether my application will be successful or if so how many books it will purchase or how soon they will reach this place. I have in my mind several volumes which I wish to hold as my personal property
The point is this:- I will agree to wear my old overcoat this winter (unless I have to preach out on the prairie & am compelled to get a buffalo coat) if you can get me twenty or twenty five dollars worth of books.
If this will interfere in any way with the needed assistance of any missionary brother I will say give him his bread first & offer that if my request can be granted I will be thankful.
Mrs C. joins me in kindest regards to you. Hoping that God may bless

you & make you abundantly instrumental in securing assistance for all other missions

I am

Your friend & Bro

R. H. Cunningham

Rushford

Minn

P.S

List

Boots No. 8.

Overshoes " to suit the boot.

~~Litrary~~ books (further information)

I will make out a list of books forward to you if you think it proper for me to do so.

R H C

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Jackson Mich. Nov. 2nd 1868

Rev G. W. Musgrave D.D.

My dear Sir:

Enclosed please find $5.00 & acknowledge it among the receipts of the Bd. of Dom. Missions, as the regular contribution of the Presb. church of this place (under Presbytery of S. Mich.)

Our church was organized Aug. 30th 1868, & this is our first contribution of any kind. The gift is small, but as drops make the ocean, we therefore in our mite praying that by God's blessing descending in copious showers upon the hearts of his people, the spirit of benevolence may be revived & a mighty flood of treasure poured in through all channels to carry on the work of the Lord.

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Our membership is small (only two

" our prospects very poor; but we trust that by God's blessing in the increase of our numbers & means, we shall be able to do more as we grow older.

As our little church has received no aid from the Bd, this will not be regarded in the light of the action of the boys who formerly presented to his father a pair of boots having gotten them on his father's account at the store, assuring the merchant "Dad will pay for these"

Perhaps, my dear Sir, this last remark may strike you as a little spicey. To be frank, I confess that it does savor slightly of my feelings at present. Though labouring under many trials to plant our standard here, I have not felt the least sense of injustice toward me in view of the Bd's refusal to commission me, as the funds were exhausted. But I must say that I felt much aggrieved & indignant, as I took up the N.W. Presbyterian of Oct. 24th (which did not reach me till the 31st) and read your "Caution" of the 18th ult.

~~of the Bd~~ I acknowledge the right of the Bd to manage its own funds & to collect, by any agencies it may establish, as much of the treasure of the Lord, in the church, or out of the Church, as it can. I acknowledge also the duty of all ministers & laymen in the church to support & forward the work of the Board. But I deny most emphatically, the right of the Executive Comm. of the Bd of Missions, or any other set of men to lay their hand upon the Lord's common treasure & forbid any other of his servants to use therefrom, to say that any other shall not make "systematic Efforts" to carry on the Lord's work in particular fields.

With God's word before me, I cannot see in the "independent operations",

which, in your "Caution to the Christian Public", you condemn and attempt to do a great, and injurious wrong to the Missionaries of the Board; nor can I see the benefit to accrue to the B'd should you succeed in depleting them; for I read (Prov. 11:24-26) "There is that scattereth and "yet increaseth; & there is that withholdeth "more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty. "The liberal soul shall be made fat; & he "that waterth shall be watered also himself. "He that withholdeth corn, the people "shall curse him; but blessing shall be "upon the head of him that selleth it."

Again I fail to see, with my Bible before me, the spirit of the teachings of Christ in this "caution" of the Executive Committee for turning to Mark 9:38-40 & Luke 9:49, 50, I find that when the beloved disciple told the Saviour that they had found one systematically casting out devils, & (in the spirit of your caution) forbade him, because he walked not with them (the Executive Committee) our Lord did not endorse their disapproval.

And so, my dear sir, we thus see could we hear the voice of our divine Master, in answer to the "[illegible]" of the Ex. Com. of the B'd of Missions against the efforts made to support those whom the Board can[illegible]

support, it would command.
"Forbid not; for he that is not
"against us is for us"

Now I do not know whom your "Caution" contemplated heading off; but I hear that some of our brethren from this Synod (Ohio) have gone to the Endeavoring, not to cripple the Board by drawing from their resources, but by the Board's help to awaken an interest in the Mission work that, it is hoped, will result both in relieving the immediate necessities of frontier missionaries & in larger gifts to the Board.

And in view of this fact, I question if there are ones we have whom this "Caution" of the E. Com. warns the public against.

But it matters not whether in this I premise rightly or not. If such men were abroad, endeavoring to raise funds to carry on the gospel work in Iowa or California, I would bid them God speed & expect that their success would develop a giving spirit that would help us along in Minnesota.

Perhaps, it may be regarded as the height of presumption for a young man to write those who are older men & men to whom judgment is entrusted the most responsible work of the Church; but, my dear Sir, I claim the right, as one interested in the contemplated results of this document, to protest against it. And I do thus protest ~~against~~ because the whole spirit of that "Caution" is directly in opposition to what I take to be the teaching of Scripture in this matter & which I have been laboring to impress upon my little flock — namely that giving to the Lord does not impoverish, but develops the ability to give still more.

Again I protest against the right of the Ex. Com. to put their foot upon the necks of any Sabbath-keeping communities or not, & say that they shall not receive from the benevolent their bread, unless it pass through their hands. And just consistently do I protest also against their right, — their moral right, to put forth a document that will dampen & chill the spirit of liberality in the churches, as does this "Caution to the Christian Public." Such this is the tendency of this document, I am persuaded from its effect here.

But this is enough. Hoping

Abe excused for thus impo
upon you this & praying the
the Lord will crown with succe
both the "independent speculation"
which you condemn, & all the Board's
efforts for the replenishing of
Treasury & carrying forward its w
from my dear Sir,

Very respectfully,
Yours in the Gospel
Edward Su

Kasson, 3d Nov. 1868

Dear Bro.

Do I "bore" you with my frequent reports of "mine"? I did not intend to write so soon again — But I have just heard from Cen. Ch. Cincinnati — They can not supply Craven having filled a box for Hunter in response to a request from Harding made at same time as my request

Craven starts east in a few weeks I presume.

I have just read in Presbyterian "How we minded Caution" at

Synod of Philadelphia"; Good — Wilson — Owatonna — has answered / Caution in Observer

Rev. Devoe will supply / pulpit at Rochester for a time, I am told — They have no thots of calling him as pastor

I am thrown out of a boarding house — think I shall have to go to / hotel — till my study is completed and furnished — and then perhaps my grave will be dug so far as this Ch. is concerned!!

~~I wrote you~~ / Yours &c

~~Hastin C.H.~~ John L. Gage

11th. Ch. serves for Patterson & me?

1 Pair boots size 7 or 7½
" shoes " "
Pair Arctic overshoes
Black pants & vest — coat
— Gloves
4 yards carpeting for my study

Every day suit & such things as a boy away from his mother needs

Size

Coat — Breast 36½ — Waist 34
Sleve shoulder 7½ — elbow 21 — 33½ entire length from between shoulders
Pants — Waist 32½ — Hip 38
& increase 32½

J. L. G.

Minneapolis Minn
Nov 9. 1868.

Dear Bro Jackson.

Your kind letter was received this morning, and my heart overflowed with gratitude to God, who has turned my anxiety into pleasant, cheering hope. The sickness and burial of my dear children involved me in debt, and my removal to this place, which it bettered my condition in some respects, made it necessary to buy articles of furniture to supply the place of what had been so kindly lent by Mr Richard Chase & his brother: so that I am in as straightened circumstances at present as I

have ever been. Yesterday I made a very earnest appeal to my people in behalf of Domestic Missions and they responded nobly. Although I had not one dollar to give, I subscribed five dollars, in faith, and my children emptied their missionary boxes. When your letter came I thought of the text; "Give, and it shall be given unto you, &c"

I thank you, dear Bro. for your sympathy and kindness, and I know that our toiling, anxious missionaries often link your name with their prayers. The Master, too, remembers your labors of love, and to present blessing will add a richer reward on another day. "Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye did it unto me."

When your work in the East is done I trust you will return to Minnesota, and continue your labors here through many years to come.

I ventured to write a reply to "The Caution", but shall not be surprised if the Presbyterian reject it, though I endeavored to write kindly. So far as my knowledge extends, there is but one feeling concerning the paper published by the Executive Committee — a feeling of great regret.

But I would not tax your time so heavily. We will remember you in our prayers. May you have great success in

Mechanicsville Iowa:
Nov. 9, 1868

Rev. Sheldon Jackson:
Dear Bro,

Your kind note of the 6th inst is at hand. You say that the Board of D. M. desire to know if I could make use of a box of Clothing. I could hardly answer negatively to the question put in that way; but allow me to remark, that I am receiving a Salary the present year of $800,- have to pay $200 house rent - am installed pastor of this Congregation with the pledge of $100, but this agt support does not begin until the 1st of May next, the Commencement of my second year. Last year, the first after leaving the Seminary the ladies almost filled me with kindness. The ladies of the Tenth Presb Philad - sent me a very useful and valuable box of goods, and

of the Ch at Saltsburg Pa. reopened
the business a few months afterwards.
This year my Congregation is independent of
Red Oak with which it was formerly
connected, and for the first years in
its history is self sustaining. The Pres.
of Cedar recommended me to the Bd
of D. M. for $100, but when I ascer-
tained the distressed condition of the
Bd I was unwilling to receive the
money, and was not displeased at
all when the Sec'y wrote me that
he could not make the appointment.

In regard to the clothing let me
say that while I could use some things
I would much prefer that they be sent
to some missionary who needs it more.
I could not conscientiously ask for it
for I can get along without it.

Please accept sincere thanks
for your kind offer, and try
to send the box to some missionary

who is laboring under circumstances
of greater want.

Very Truly Dear Bro.
J. W. Knott.

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[illegible]:

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West Union – Fay. Co. Iowa Nov. 11/68

Rev. Sheldon Jackson 114

Dear Bro.

Your kind letter of the 6th. inst. came to hand yesterday. You inquire whether we could make use of a box of clothing &c. I reply that we are not in need of that kind of aid at present. The ladies of our infant congregation having something of the missionary spirit have talked of making up a box of clothing for some that are more needy than we are, & I hope they may do so before long. Yet as it regards aid in the way of money, that is greatly needed. When I came here last April, application was made for aid for this church to the amount of $300.00 but it could not be granted, & we have got along without it. At our late meeting of the Presbytery of Franklin in this place the application was renewed for $200.00 – with the prospect of receiving aid

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not new enough to imagine. As to the field that I occupy I think it is one of great promise. One year ago I returned from preaching my first sermon to a little band of 15 members. They had been organized into a church in fine fraternal. I spent 4 Sabbaths, with them at that time, & then returned to Pennsylvania. My impressions respecting this part of Iowa & the prospect of building up a liberal self-sustaining church in Wat Tamon, were very favorable & they have not since changed. Last April I came here with my family & took charge of this enterprise, no certain amount at that time had been pledged for my support, there was no other church near to take a portion of my time, & the B. of Missions could give no help. Ask some of the well-supported city Pastors, & some of their Elders, who can count their Sabbaths, whether it does not require something of the apostolic spirit in order to lay the foundations of a church in such a field? I left a pleasant home, & came here at great pecuniary sacrifice, but I shall never regret having come. My labors have been blessed. We now number 30 members, & we have good hope of many more additions before long. I have devoted my whole time to the work in this place, until recently, I have been frequently once in two weeks, in the afternoon, at Belmont a village 10 miles distant. There is a very small organization at that place in the N. Y. connection. They have a very good house of worship, a good prospect of a Sunday school, & I may have regular appointments there, in all probability, but they can do but very little by way of support.

My main dependence for support must be at this point. Wat Tamon is the county seat of Lovette Co. containing a population of about 1700, is a growing place, of considerable business, & importance. The attendance upon the means of grace, & the interest manifested are quite encouraging. There are a number of Congregational, & M. E. families, that are supporters, & attend the means of grace, so that we have now quite with 21 members. We have a Sunday school

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seeing Mr Blair with you. Mr Blair [illegible]

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Lake City Wed. Morn.
Nov. 11th 1868

My Dear Bro. Jackson

You did write me briefly from Troy N.Y. I am much indebted to you for your interest in me mine & the cause. I wrote to Mr Jenkins briefly & suppose we shall hear from them ~~briefly~~ shortly.

Yes I think much as you say that but for such help as this I sh^d hardly be able to remain on the field. This Lake City church is in some important respects the hardest & most discouraging one I know of. I wish the Board knew exactly all about it.

I hardly see how we are to be kept afloat for another year on anything short of $300. from the B^d. The subscription to the salary will fall off from abt. $500 to about $250

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owing in part to hard times & in great part to a miserable disaffection & opposition in the part of the ignorant, self-conceited, universalists &c &c Sigla, the Elder is doing his very best night & day, I guess, against me, & he may make it impossible for me to be useful here. But I think I shall stay at least another year unless Providence makes my course to leave as clear as he did my coming. I shall seek wisdom & strength daily from the Faithful Promiser. & stay I think. You will pray for me & for us, will you not. I have remembered you specifically at the throne of Grace & will still do so — Rec. a short note fr. Bro. Lyon when yrs. came. He says "I suppose you know Bro. Jackson has resigned at Rochester"

I did not know anything of the sort — Dear me! What a County & what a world — It will come before Presbytery I suppose of course. I have been glad to read of your labors since you left — We are all pretty well — thanks to a merciful Providence — Winter is upon us. Snow, snow — The River must close soon I think —

We all join in sincere love to you & yours — Will the Board expect any communication from this Church (the Session) before making the appropriation. They may be safely informed, I am satisfied, that only about $250. can be raised here —

Yours in sincere regards & holy labors —

J. A. Amrein

Jamesville, Wayne Co. Mich
Nov. 15th '68

Dear Bro Jackson;-
Your note
and check is duly
rec'd.
I hereby beg leave to
gratefully acknowledge
that by God's goodness &
mercy, I rec'd a check
of Rev. S. Jackson signed
by Grace Alling New
York New Jersey. When
I rec'd it, it seemed like
a streak of heavenly light
burst through my darkening
soul, saying
"Judge not the Lord by feeble sense,
But trust Him for His grace;
Behind a frowning Providence He
He hides a smiling face." S
I had but one dollar, was

in debt $82 and had a fair prospect of getting deeper in. This check will assist me amazingly. I hope dear Bro. Parkin that your mission east will be blest of Heaven. My wife unites with me in sending to you and family our kind=est regards.

Perhaps you saw in Presbyterian, Nov. 7th an article "Still need for "Caution". Under head 4th you will read as follows. "How about the one hundred & others — in all the States and Territories — just as self-sacrificing and just as faithful, who is to plead their cause?"

<u>There ought to be</u>

<u>men in every Synod and Presbytery to plead their cause.</u>

Our St. Paul Synod is doing just what <u>every other Synod ought to do and is free to be doing all.</u> Let every Synod do as our's is trying to do, and our church will not go ~~probing~~ poking along behind every other church worthy the name and consideration of a church.

Had you better not look over that and answer it?

Your Bro. in Christ

Jno. B. Vanter

Hartford Mines
18th Nov. 1888

Dear Bro. Jackson

We have rec'd an inquiry from a young ladies Society in Pittsburgh — known as the "Bakewell Mission Society" asking where they can dispose of a box of clothing to a missionary.

I do not know who is in need & therefore refer them to you.

Please address the Secretary Miss Sallie T. Murdock St. Charles Hotel Pittsburgh Pa & inform them where ~~such~~ a box of clothing is needed

The ladies composing this Society are the members of a Bible class in the Second church Pittsburgh,

We are now two miles the day I preach in Houston.
Mrs. Shelden a widow lady is making an effort to get a Sabbath School in Houston. If she succeeds we will have her valuable assistance in the Sabbath School & can also have the use of her school room for our meetings.
This will be better than the "upper room", where we met to organize, when will be filled at least partly, during a part of the winter with grain & pork.
We are prospering at Rusk for at least in a temporal way. We expect to enter our new Sanctuary next Sab. We also expect to have ~~to have~~ a new organ at the opening service & to have it paid for.
Mrs. C joins me in kind regards to you & Mrs. J.
Pray that God may revive his work in all our hearts & prosper his cause in these new fields.
Praying God may bless & prosper you & yours
I am your Bro in Christ
R H Cunningham

Waseca, Minn.
Tuesday Evening
Nov. 19th 1889

Dear Bro. Jackson:

I am (just now) in receipt of Yours of 6th Inst. Containing Check for $100 One Hundred Dollars. I will Dispose of the several Amts. as directed by You. I thank You & through You the "lady friend" incognita who sends the Ten Dolls.

I am more concerned just now, & have been for some time, about paying for our Church than anything Else. It is approaching completion rapidly. They have no S

doubt finished putting on the Sec.d Coat of Plaster this Evening & all in good order. But I am coming out about Two Hundred Dolls. deeper in debt than I had anticipated and the matter is troubling me I presume more than it ought. I had Expected $150 at least from Bro. Gage which you know I can not get now since he has concluded to bid at Claremont. I sent my application to the Board and wrote a letter to Dr. Nicolls also. I made out the application for $300 00/100 but asked Dr. Nicolls to give me $200 00/100 more if possible. I have rec.d a reply this Evening in which he says he thinks "it will be impossible to increase the Amt. to 700 00/100 without a recommendation from Presbytery." The Board will meet he says "as soon as Mr. Coe returns from the East." Could you have any power to act in the premises as Chairman of Com. on Missions in Pres.y? If you have, and will drop a line to Dr. Nicolls I know it will be all that is needed to secure the extra $200 00/100 and if that is secured I will be relieved of a very great deal of anxiety in the matter I assure you. I have $300 00/100 to make up tomorrow and

$400 $\frac{00}{100}$ more in a very
few days and I am
sure I can not see
where it is all to com
from. But I ought n
to mistrust the Goodnes
or Faithfulness of the Di
Master for He has giv
our Enterprise success m
beyond my faithless
anticipations! Won't you
write a line to Dr. Mc
If you will do so my
away, he will receive
before the Board mee
Another Matter. Wou
it be possible for you
to be present and prea
the Dedication Sermon
for me on the Third
Sabbath of December?

I should like to have you very much indeed for several reasons. First the would all like very much to hear you preach on that occasion. Sec. You are the man who is entitled to preach the Discourse. 3 C. If we have any moneys to raise that day I have great faith in your Ability. By the way I was amused at some writers description of how "we minded the Caution" given in a late number of the Presbyterian. The "Practical lessons" were drawn by a skilful hand & were about

as pointed as the "Minnie-bullet" Speech I presume. I infer that Bro. Vawter is the Brother aided by the donation. I thought at first it might be Cousin R. Cunningham - but some circumstantial evidence led me to think otherwise. Please tell me immediately if you can preach our Dedication Sermon at that time for if you can not possibly do so I will provide for it in some other way.

The expected Box of Clothing &c has not yet arrived but I presume it will in due season. Another little matter still - Do you think you could secure a donation of Bedding for me? Please tell me in your next. I have a room-mate. A young man from our town in Pa. who is in the Printing-office here and he & I propose to furnish the Study & occupy it as a room if you can secure me Bedding. I will want 4 Sheets 4 "Pillow-Cases" and Blankets and Coverlets Enough to keep a man warm in Minnesota and you know better as to how many that will take than I. If you can secure such a Donation it will be most thankfully rec'd. Please tell me soon what you can do.

I have purchased an
Instrument (a Melodeon)
and Stoves for our Church
and we Expect to give
"a grand vocal & Instrumental
Concert" in the Church
next Monday night for
the purpose of paying our
part for furniture.
If you find Dr. Paxton's
friend "in your travels"
might suggest to him that
the People at Waseca are
quite as fond of the music
of a Church-bell as the
people at Albert Lea.
Hoping to hear from you
very soon & trusting that
the Lord will bless you
in your Mission I am
Dear Bro. Yours in X

J. L. Potter

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Mapleton Kans
Nov. 23rd 1868

Rev. Sheldon Jackson

Dear Bro.

Your note of the 6th inst is before me. In reply I would state that we have just received a small box of very useful articles from the Pres. Church of New Wilmington Pa. With this we can get along pretty comfortably. They also offer to send us any other articles we may need. We thank you very much for your kindness.

We have three brethren laboring in the newly settled regions south of us among a very poor people. These brethren can get no commissions from the Board of S. M. If clothing could be sent to them it would help them greatly. They are Revs. C. V. Merrifort of Oswego, S. T. McClure of Morrisonville, and J. L. Hawkins of Baxter Springs. These men are laboring with recently organized churches in very promising fields. I have labored here for four

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years with encouraging success. The Morphet Church now numbers 150 members. Both Sabbath School and Weekly prayer-meeting. The field is purely a missionary field. I have charge of two other small organizations and some preaching stations.

Your brother in Christ

J. R. Nugent.

Jackson Minn. Nov 25

Dear Bro Jackson

Yours of the 14th with draft rec'd last night — Many thanks, for it was just in time. You ask if we need more. We do need it for the hauling costs as much as the lumber yet has to be paid for immediately — Strange as it may seem I have advanced $65. from my own funds — to pay for hauling — & need at least $50. of that to redeem my wood lot on which I am cutting some timber for the church — I deposited that cent with Mr Kimball & pay over to the former amount

re delivery of the dead - & I meet
merchants who have got the money each
to pay for hauling -

Dear - I have written to
Dr Buchanan of Milwaukee & to Rev C.L. Thompson
of Cincinnatti - of our church
work out here - & I have thus
playing the raven, (See V.A. Obs.
Nov. 12th) by so doing, to the
detriment of our work
let me know & I will
desist.

But I must now
close
yours heartily
Edward Thomp

We must push our
Methodism to keep our
ground with the Meth
ists - they will not
help us except in the
way of proving a source of
friction for us, without
which we would not get
on so fast -

Pittsfield Mass

Rev S McFeeters

Dear Bro. I write
perhaps I require you at present
my grant from the Board for the
relief given in NY & Mich. Money
is scarce, has to do her own work
except when she is sick, has three
little children to support, as yet can
do nothing to assist me, nothing clear.
Hence your Dear Bro. opens the way
in labors of the churches you write with
"if you feel it a duty" to have the
churches self-supporting. That I might
supply them, we have Sabbaths
I have no feeling about the Board
diminishing my grant. They must
of course do the best they can in

their Crisp[illegible] Creations, that
my family at is impossible for me
to do so from pecuniary disappo[illegible]
the hour time, despite, the
pain in our chest has, but I have so
long learnt that yet they are ch[illegible]
we they can. If you can do so
in this way you will lay me under
many obligations & young Mrs
Nutbeam & family will be the poor
I have Planet Tyres open up a
for me, with some regards to
Mrs be paid

Yours

Sincerely & respectfully

Alfred Nutbeam

[illegible]

[illegible] spent [illegible]

[illegible] had received a few days ago. Mamma delayed sending immediately to Dr. Miller to little Upton, who resided [illegible] here.

These facts and I cannot conceive [illegible] sufficiently from your friend to take another [illegible] in [illegible] of the [illegible]. My health and [illegible] in the [illegible] & I felt [illegible] & for [illegible] I felt [illegible] & [illegible] confined [illegible] for [illegible]

Then [illegible] & [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] — [illegible] [illegible] — [illegible] [illegible] — [illegible] [illegible] — [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] & [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] from [illegible] anything. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Lansing, Allamakee Co Iowa
Tuesday Dec 8th 1868

Dear Mr Jackson

We have received the box from Elizabeth — many thanks to your kind intervention. — but why the transfer from Mr Newkirk? Was anything in our letter to her unsatisfactory, or that she dismissed the matter is g. Bless? She wrote us a warm letter, repeating a specific mention of names, ages, sizes, measurements, needs &c. Also the need of Sunday school. This we did as well as we could. We cannot understand why we were transferred afterwards to Mr B.

The box gave good satisfaction of course, yet we did not receive some things much needed. The best suit for myself was expected. The business suit (fast colors) is of color & quality & make well adapted to daily wear or travel; yet I shall need a new suit for the pulpit. And, with winter

nothing for women; and the Sunday school department were conscious: but we do not criticise nor take exception, for the gift from free hearts is above such ungenerous treatment.

I have reluctantly given up my proposed visit East next year: My salary proves too small as the year closes, and I have a deficiency to be added to a heavy debt hanging over me. The Board give me $50 less this year, and I suffer a loss of over $50 in my new subscription (rather than enjoy a gain) from the Purdy repudiation and removal. I failed to secure the place of Commissioner, as Bro Dickey urged stronger claims, and Bro Crawford also had precedence. We do so much regret not going, as now five years nearly have elapsed since our last visit, but must bow to imperative circumstances.

Necessary repairs on church & cot this year cost us over $100, for which I am personally responsible. I do wish that I could get at least $100 from our kind friends. The church now owes me $170, money advanced, and we have in view bringing a lot of needed work that will cost $50 more: but we not concerted in.

You have been doing a noble work for the cause through the East. God speed you in all your labors. We hope to see you at Lansing ere long.

Love sends regards

Yours truly

James Frothingham

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Milton Iowa
Dec 9th 1868

Mr Charles Parker
Boston Mass

You will please
pardon me for not answering
your kind letter sooner.
As to my absolute need —
You have touched upon a
delicate question but to answer
promptly. it is not proper
that I should accept the
proposed benefit — My family
is provided for my wife and

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myself alone. We could ill
use of many things contained in
a missionary box but we should
not accept when there are others
others who need these things
far more than we do. We
are trying it alone this
year for the first - cutting
from the board altogether -
We find it just as much a
the people will do, to say the
least, to pay my Salary of $[illegible]
There is a good feeling about
my charge. I hope the Spirit
will be poured upon us bountifully
and there are some indications
his spirit is -

Accept my sincere thanks
for your kindness

Yours &c
[illegible]

St Paul
Dec 8 1858

Brother Jackson

I send you here a list of articles for Mr Gowan & wife which I hope you will send somewhat - only cannot ask for them from Mr Merrikin or the 3rd Ch - of Germantown. I send the letter are going to send him a small box of Gracies &c - for the Cabin - & Mr Gowan would not like to know any thing come from the Central Church this year

I have heard that Lorenzo

thing would come to him from the central Co in the shape of money but a letter from Wes Newhinck advises me to the contrary

I tell you, brother Jackson, I cannot continue to encourage these Rebs on the frontier to hold on there is no prospect of betterment — and I cannot hold out to them false hopes —

Savage is yet alive or was a week ago I have loaned him $30. to keep him up — which tho I cannot do without out: I cannot ask him to return — I would say to him & others — "Come back if you think best" We have done what we could, and I wash my hands of the responsibility — & place it where it belongs — Gen Wesgrove is determined to clear us out & I think he will do it — He knows we will not remain here unless we can go armed — —

We are as well as usual —

With kind regards to Mrs J — in which Mrs Lyons joins

Truly Yours
M Lyon

P.S. The Scotch are
in the Rampage
Mrs Lyon

Brother Jackson
your Presence
be at the Meeting of
the Band next Mon-
day — By all means
go — They will want
to question upon Love

Yazoo City Miss.
Dec. 11th 1868.

Dear Bro. Jackson:
Yours of Dec 8th
is rec'd. Not hearing from
you for some time I
inferred from your silence
that you would not be
present at our Dedication
and I have now made
arrangements to have
Bro. Wilson of Ovatonna
preach the Sermon for
me on next Sab. week.
I would defer it until
you could be present
but the Builders must
have some money at
least and we can make
an effort in that direction
on day of Dedication.

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I have heard from the Board of Ch. Ex- to the effect that $500 appropriation has been made payable 1st Feb. But we lack something over $200 $\frac{00}{100}$ in paying the amt. which becomes due now at the completion of the Church. We lack altogether $425 $\frac{00}{100}$. If you can get me $200 of this either from the Board or other sources we will make a desperate effort to raise the balance here. I do hope you can get this amt. May God bless your efforts in awakening our Church to a sense of their duty to support our Board. It has been very cold here this week. Mercury yesterday morning 20° below 0. but it is moderating somewhat today. I have been expecting the Box from Phil^a. for sometime and this cold weather has increased my anxiety somewhat. It has come to my knowledge lately that the ladies here are expecting to furnish my study but I can not say as to the truth of the matter. You need not make any special effort to procure me bedding but if it is sent I presume I can use it. I am willing to do without a great many comforts or even conveniences if I can see our Church

all I paid for.
I bought an Instrument
for it for $85 - and we gave
a concert in the Chur
to pay for it at whic
we raised $72.60 th
remainder has been
made up by subscripti
Let me hear from yo
soon as to the certai
of getting $200 more
either from the Board
or from any other sou
and when it can be
had. The Builders a
needing their money
& I wish to give th
some definite & delial
answer. Your Bro. in

J. G. Patterso

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Cambridge Ill
Dec 16th

Hon Sheldon Jackson
Dear Sir

Your kind note promising the needed aid has been received. I have thought it may be necessary to give an item of information about the point at which you should send the Box. Cambridge is not yet a railroad station, tho it is expected to be in Oct. Next year. Our R R point is Geneseo, on Chicago & Rock Island road. — My Post-Office is Cambridge, which put on the Box so that I can be notified of its arrival at Geneseo. You have our thanks beforehand for your kind interest. Yr Bro in Christ

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Referred to Rev Sheldon Jackson for action

South Bend Dec 7th

Rev D. C. Lyons, (1861) 129

Very Dear Brother,

What purports to be my commission from the Board has arrived yesterday. The application is cut down to $350.00 – $150.00 less than asked, and $50.00 less than last year. It is of no use – I cannot live on it – We found it hard enough to get along – to get simply food enough of it of the plainest sort (you know – you have been at my table – of course we tried to place the best before you) and we failed without getting into debt for it, – though last year so our daughters earned over a $100.00 by teaching, which we used, all, to live. This year they will be able to earn nothing – for Lizzie has just set out for Mrs Gulloways

2 Seminary. By solicitations and promises I was induced to leave Kansas, where I had two Congregations, which had trebled in membership during my ministry there, and where we were accumulating a little property, (the proceeds of my sons earnings,) ~~which~~ (5 of the best cows and 5 yearlings & 4 or 5 calves), which in a few years would have afforded us an independant competency, — to come here to do a peculiar work — a work which as you are aware few men can do, (because requiring preaching in 2 languages and in a peculiar style) for the Board. I obeyed, trusting in the Board that we should not be left to starve. I sold out all I had and spent it all ($4000.00) in removing my family hither. After coming I found my income utterly inadequate to furnish shelter & food for my family. Cambria made

3 me a liberal offer — I, knowing, that the Board cant be relied on, ~~was~~ and I am sorry to say it — but it is true — concluded to accept. You remonstrated. The presbytery remonstrated — promising if I stayed, I would be fed — and paid, — twas all I asked. And now

I am given to understand by the Board, that after all these sacrifices on my part to serve the Board, I must work and starve. Even what little the Church has added to my slender income, the Board has cut off. — And all this without as much as asking my consent or giving me a choice in the case. I tell you it is outrageous. Are we poor missionaries nothing but helots — bound to do whatever the Board bids, and at the same time paupers, to be obliged to accept just what the Board sees fit to dole out to us — and live or starve on it as it might? Are there to be no stipulations on our side? Has the Board no right to dis —

5) It is outrageously humiliating
The Board has no right to
[illegible] relief as paupers
I have written to them to
that effect [illegible]
[illegible] have seen my shoes
[illegible] been at my table
[illegible]
[illegible]
table leg [illegible]
[illegible]
I am content with provided
I can have them without
[illegible]
[illegible] without getting
[illegible]
[illegible]

I have been casting about what to do. I hate to leave here now. There is an interest at present in the Church at the Bend — meetings on the Sabbath full — crowded — deep and solemn attention — tears glistening in the eyes of "hearers of the word only" prayer meetings better attended than they have been since I came, and fervent are the prayers offered — There is a prospect of quite an accession to our membership next communion — Mrs. McGiven and her daughter among the number — then the hall is to be opened at Mankato on next Sabbath week — and I know there will be no lack of a congregation there, but positively I cannot stay and suffer for the want of the common necessaries of life — and suffer I must on this allowance. Cambria, I see, is still anxious to have me, at any time. I will

write them, I will go there at the end of this quarter, or if the weather wont permit the removal of my family then, - that I will go in the Spring - and for my labor here in the interim will accept what the Board will see fit to give. That will give you and the people here (and the Board) time to find a suitable man for this field who will consent to be used by the Board just as the Board please - which will be quite a task however even if the Board should undertake it.

I will however defer writing to Cambria untill your reply comes. For I beg you to send one as I am in trouble - utterly uncovered. The Board has no right to insult us thus.

Our cordial Christian regards to Mrs Lyons and the rest of your family. The Lord keep and bless you all, and abundantly prosper your labors,

Affectionately &

J. M. Pryse.

P.S. Excuse haste - I write out to insult you for Monday night. Yours in haste. J. M. P.

P.S. I shall be on my journey on Friday morning at Dayton the 5th of January. We leave here for we will be right in Rockville. But then we will have to recall here. But we will have the means, I hope, to meet the Lord.

[illegible] never [illegible] full [illegible] 6 & 8
I believe in all my life
This [illegible] disregard of [illegible]
nights. Jealousy — this [illegible]
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[illegible] — [illegible]
plain, [illegible] about an [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] of the [illegible]
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comes for I beg you to send me
as I am in trouble - utterly
unnerved. The Board has
no right to insult us this way
Yours cordial Christian regards
to Mrs Lyons & the rest of your
family. The Lord keep & bless
you all, and abundantly
bless your labors
Affectionately yours

D. W. Payne

Waverley Iowa Jan 2 69

er Sir

I have neither the
s. of ~~the~~ "Observer", and would
obliged to you for either
would prefer the Presbyterian.

You told me in
er note some time since
t you had sent my
ot to Dr Cowell's Ch.
Will you please tell me
whether it was with distinct
derstanding that they would
d me a box?

The winter is upon us
— if I knew the box was com-
g I could wait a little
but if it is out, I am
anxious to make other arrang
ments.

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Allow me to express here
my high appreciation of
of your kindness - not
to my self alone, but
to the missionary as su-

Yours respectfully
F. C. Ohedie

Seneca Mills.
Monday Evening
Jany. 4th 1869

Dear Bro. Jackson:—
I have just rec'd
yours of Dec. 28th 1868
with regard to the N. Y.
Observer & Presbyterian for
1869. I would say—that
a friend of mine in Pittsburgh
sends me the Presbyterian
and, my Room-mate, Graham,
Partner of Childs in the
Printing-Office here gets the
Observer as an Exchange—
So I am much obliged—if
you, or, through you, to
some one else, for the
offer of these Papers—but
as I now have them the
kindness can be transferred

to some other Bro. in need. With regard to "Monies rec^d. Since Sept." I have rec^d. none from any Quarter except from the Board for my Sec^d. Quarter - a little additional from my personal friends in answer to my Call on behalf of our Church Enterprise here - And a Check from Rev. N. G. Parke on N. Years for 15 Dolls. with which to ~~buy~~ purchase a pr. of Boots which was not in the Box of Clothing. After long expectancy I rec^d. the Missionary Box from Pittston on Dec. 29th. According to their Estimate it was valued at 25 Dolls. but it was not worth so much by 25 Dolls. It Contained two Sec^d. Hand Overcoats about as good as one I already have - A Suite of New Clothes Coat Vest Pants & Hat which were very good and very acceptable - 2 fine Shirts 3 Pr. drawers 4 pr. Socks 2 Handkerchiefs a neckties & some linen Cuffs. On N. Years Eve I rec^d. a letter from Bro. Parke containing the Check mentioned above - and a request that I should write to them. In answer to this request I wrote him & his flock a letter on N. Years consisting of 8 pages of fools-cap. So I presume he will not ask for another com-

I thank you My Dear B.
for your inquiries concerni
my need of Clothes but
I shall get along now
very comfortably with wh
I have. We dedicated ou
Church here on Dec. 20
free from Debt provide
we get the 200 Dolls. Ex
from the Board or Som
other Source. The ladie
have furnished my Study
very comfortably & neatly
& am now occupying
I hope you will come u
& spend a Sab. with me
as soon as you can
after you return home
We are observing the M
of Prayer & I trust it
be fruitful in good resu
here - to this End my
Bro. let us have a
continued interest in y
Prayers. Yours in th
Gospel. J.G.P.

Rushford Minn
Jan 4th 1889

Dear Bro Jackson

In reply to your inquiry I would say that I can use both the Presbyterian & Observer for 69 in supplying the poor with reading matter.

Money recd since September 68 viz:

Oct 19th per Bro. Lyon, "Caution money" $25
" 31st " S. D. Powel & Rev. S. T. Lowrie from friends in the Synod of Phila ~~met~~ at in Session at Lancaster Pa —— $250.
Nov. 13th from Rev Dr. Schenck $25.
Dec 1st "Uncle Charley Donaldson" $5.
" 14. "Subscriber" to Pres. Banner $2
" 25th Christmas Gift to self & wife from friends at Pittsburgh $22
" " Christmas Tree Rushford $5
" " for Six months labor at Houston $19
" " Total —— $353 S
Recd from ch at Rushford so far 50
Grand Total $403

I hereby certify the preceding to be a correct copy of my memorandum of moneys received since September. The amount rec^d from Rushford does not really belong to the items you requested but is thrown in to show what each of the fields have done.

We are prospering here. I feel greatly encouraged & have work enough to do.

I expect hereafter to take my turn with Bros Stead & Kibbe in preaching at Lanesboro.

I sent the list of books to Dr. Schenck as you requested & he forwarded immediately to me all on the list which were published by our Board & said he did not see any way at present to get the others for me.

I feel very thankful for the assistance & the great encouragement the Dr & his good wife have given us here.

They will not soon be forgotten by the people of South Rushford.

I wish you could come & see us when you get back to the State.

Mrs C. joins me in kind regards to you & your family.

Your Bro in Christ

R H Cunningham

P.S. Both our little churches have taken collections for the Board of Com. Missions at the rate of Two dollars per member. We intend to fill all the columns with more than one dollar each.

R H C

Lake City Minn.
Monday Morn.
Jan 4th 69

My Dear Bro. Your kind note of 28th inst rec'd. I did like the Observer very much. My Dear friends in Cedarville sent me $150.00 Nobody else. $250 is about all that can be done here. possibly 300. Will let you know. I hope 200 is all the B. can do. Rec'd a package of papers a few days ago. (from the New York Lady I suspect) & 25 cents profit out of that. Judge Baldwin says that the appropriation to a part of Bro. Haslets field is just a waste of the funds. I say nothing I dont know. Bro Lyon or yourself ought to look into it. I may leave in the spring or I may resolve to stay. Your's in Christ J. A. Amin

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7 Jan. 4th 1867
La Crescent,

Dear Bro Jackson,

I rec'd your note Sunday and answer immediately on return from Brownsville.

I take the Pro-Union and would like the Observer also, as you suggest.

I had thought to write you on another subject and then thought I wld not, but now concluded to do so, and then I leave the matter wholly to yourself.

Bro. Smith kindly did what must have remained undone otherwise, — procure me a horse. The horse cost, $150.00 and is indeed a valuable girl. About $108.00 was raised toward it, — the horse was bought and on his advice I borrowed the rest, & gave my note, due Nov 1st and the man has my note yet. I had thought that I could manage to pay it myself out of my salary, but a horse was

[illegible] you [illegible] meeting of [illegible] at Hoover, ni [illegible] there [illegible] a [illegible] Galena, Ill, no call yet, will [illegible] you know
G.H.C.

the little use without something for
him to draw, and thinks I was
obliged to get a harness, wagon &c
&c, besides the additional expense
of house keeping, and I paid my
tuition besides this note, and bor-
rowed money in prospect of getting out, on
my salary, I feel very uncomfortable
indeed, But your kindness the
ladies of the Alexander Church in
supplied us with garments; for otherwise
I shd have been obliged to go farther
in debt, or else go without,
I acknowledged the gift of my
house in the Presbyterian as paid
for, but it was in this way,
Dr. Smith told me that you had
promised to raise the balance, it necessary
I suppose you have other letters on
this, and I leave it with you.
Do you go to Iowa? We shd dis-
like to lose you from Minnesota,
Please remember us to your wife
Your Bro
J H Carpenter

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Hillsboro Iowa Nov 5/63

Rev Sheldon Peck

Dear Bro.

Your kind note was received last Saturday. I thank you with all my heart for your kindness to me and assure you I appreciate it highly. May our heavenly Father add unto you and yours grace & peace.

I have had a great desire to have the N. Y. Observer and shall be under yet obligation to you for it.

As to the Northwestern & Presbyter I shall be made up now by your favor. We are having the Book of Prayer in our church. Had an interesting Sabbath

last night. Will it be too much for you, to remember us as a school, you should be there if you can?
We are moving on in our meetings
Let Love Christ O for grace we pray
to soften them we will all be
of the Lord prospers.

With much love
Your Bro in Chr:
A. M. Kaster

Galena, Ill. Jan. 6th 1869

Rev. S. Jackson

Dear Bro.

Yours of Dec. 28 directed to Waverly was forwarded to Galena & received to day. I have left Iowa & do not know how long I will remain here. The injury I received last July is so tender & becomes so painful when exposed to the cold that I could not endure the exposure required in my last field of labor. 19 miles over a comparatively level prairie where it gets so cold at times was more than I could stand, as the injury was to the face. Though all nicely healed over, the upper jaw which was broken in 3 places, is not in its proper place, & I can not bite anything that is hard, & is painful day & night. I am without a field of labor at present & have no income of any kind now. We have not suffered for what was really necessary to sustain life, but our means are quite small; yet I hope & trust that the Lord will remember us in mercy. The Presn I gave up as I could not see how I could pay for it. The C. G. Observer I used to read with pleasure, but of late years my income

was Small & dropei one after an other (paper & reviews)
that we might be able to get what was indispensable.
Humanly speaking things look dark, yet the Lord is mor
& his presents afford us joy & peace. Would be glad & thank
the Observer (the Pres. I have access to whilst here)
It is possible I may try & go South before long unless Something
turn up here of which I know nothing deffinate yet.
The Lord be with you & bless you
Your Bro. in Christ
Jacob Schwartz

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[illegible] for my [illegible]
[illegible] perhaps I am [illegible]
understand that you mean to [illegible]
hand." I suppose before your meaning
that after reading it, you [illegible]
-ward the paper to me at a [illegible]
duced price. I take the "Presbyterian" [illegible]
"Family Treasure" and some small [illegible]
I am about giving up the "Family Treasure"
possibly read. And as there are many
of our missionaries who would be glad
of your offer, and are more in need
than I am, I would prefer giving it to them.
Now, you will accept my thanks for
your very generous offer, & also for
your Agency while in Philadelphia in re-
-ceiving me a draft for $24, and a small
box of clothing from Huntingdon Sta.
Immediately after receiving your kind
letter from Philadelphia, I [illegible]
to the Corresponding Secretary, [illegible]
the time he received it, he wrote a [illegible]
from the Ladies in Huntingdon [illegible]
Send them the name of [illegible]
who needed a [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] population [illegible]

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long missionary letter, detailing the rapidity with which these great Western prairies carpeted once a year [illegible] of flowers, keeping up with emigration [illegible] the populous parts of the civilized world, [illegible] the absolute necessity of our [illegible] enterprize keeping pace with the increase of our population.

I informed my three little missionary churches on last Sab. & the Sab. before that I was in the 21st year of my ministry, and as a natural consequence my ministry on earth would soon come to an end, and I wanted them all to labor with me to build up the Church, so that they could sustain a minister in my place, when I left them.

If these churches were now able to sustain themselves, and could get a minister, I would prefer going into a region where there was no church, and labor [illegible] to raise up new churches.

I came to this State on a visit in 1853. In 1857 visited this place with the intention of laboring ~~in this place~~ as a missionary and organizing a church; but a congregational minister under the [illegible] of the Presbytery, [illegible] possession of the field, [illegible] to Lexington Ohio, and accepted a call from the church. [illegible] 10 years—during which time [illegible] were added to the Church. There I changed it from a missionary to a self-sustaining church. The Congregational minister here gathered up all the presbyterians he could, formed them organized them into a congregational church, & part of them left and now compose the South Ridge Church to which I am now preaching. The balance for the last few years have had two very poor preachers, & are now without a minister. At request I preached to them last Sabbath evening, and promised them a sermon every alternate Sabbath evening for a while. A large congregation was in attendance. The most of those composing the congregational church now, were raised in the late Dr. James Hoge's Church in Columbus, Ohio, & were baptized by him in infancy. If I should receive them back into the presbyterian Church, my conscience will give me no uneasiness whatever.

I attended the examination and ordination of a congregational minister in this place. The examination was conducted by Mr. Leach of Grinnell, Iowa. Not disgusted

well to examine and [illegible]
has studied at Oberlin, & is a rank
Finneyite and occasionally he gives
a thrust at Old Schoolism, or orthodoxy, I learn he is about publishing
a System of Theology to show the
world that it has at least one
great man.

It is truly consoling to think
of the hundreds of thousands of
God's people this week praying
for our success in the missionary
work, and for the conversion of
our world to God.

Yours in the ministry

James Anderson

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distribution of these fruits of Christian beneficence
Shall I select from the box when rec'd. such articles as we need & put up the balance for some other brother — and will you say for whom?

My hands & mind are full — We are giving attention to the Week of Prayer, with prospect of good to ourselves & people & community —

Many thanks for all your kindness toward me — The Lord reward & bless you

Yours in fellowship of
Christian work A. Craig

Lima Springs Jan. 8 1869

Dear Bro. Jackson

I wrote a hasty note yesterday morning in answer to your inquiry respecting N.Y. Observer &c but omitted to say any thing about box of clothing. Some time after you wrote me from New York City, I rec'd. a note from Columbus, Ohio informing me that my name &c had been given to the ladies of the Westminster Ch. who were preparing a box for my family — and soon after receiving I had notice of the arrival of the box at the Station — Though small, it was useful, and was very thankfully rec'd. and acknowledged — Last evening, a letter came informing me that the ladies of Wyoming N.Y. had sent to my address a box of clothing — apologizing for its smallness (as did the ladies of Westminster) and containing an allusion to the "shoddy" of which I wrote in mine to you ~~at~~ Philadelphia This box, I have not yet received, and were it not that it is said to contain an overcoat made expressly for me, which yet will be very acceptable, I would endeavor to have the unopened box directed to some more needy brother — I fear we are, through your favor, recipients of more than should fall to us were there an equal

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could [illegible]
[illegible] you can be able to [illegible]
[illegible] of [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] head to [illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

I am trying to raise a library for the southern [illegible] good and valuable books as they are

Geneva Nov. Jan. 8 1864

Dear Sister Jane

W. [illegible]

your letter of Dec 28th came to hand a few days ago. [illegible] the [illegible] Brewer [illegible] [illegible] while you were [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] again for any help. If not [illegible] cap &c with drawers, shirts &c would be [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

with the prospect of getting and
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] expect
that of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] expect
[illegible]

[illegible]
[illegible]

New Boston Ill.
Jan 11th 1869

Dear Br Jackson

Your letter is received, and I return many thanks to you for the information contained. I wrote to Mrs Walker of N.Y. City & stated our most special wants; & our number size &c. Our wants are considerable but most specially under clothing for both myself & Lady &c.

I stated to Mrs Walker I was requested by you to address her & make our wants known.

Your calling my attention to this subject is indeed very opportune & I pray the Lord Bless you in aiding in this cause.

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We will keep the cheerful giver
& the giver greatly encourages
the labourer.

Yours in the Service of the Lo

Samuel G. Wain

Jan. 12th 1869

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Rochester Minnesota.

Dear Bro. — Your letter with offer of a copy of the N.Y. Observer for 1869 second hand came on hand yesterday, being sent to me from Dubuque. I would most heartily accept of it, as I have no english paper at all.

As you will see from the address below I have changed my place of residence, having taken the pastoral charge of two small German churches at and near Fosterburgh, Ills. This is an important field and requires a great deal of zeal and perseverance. I preach to both congregations every sabbath, though they being 8 miles apart. Besides I hold meetings five times during the week on various places and there still remains work to be done.

I have been informed two days ago, that a box of some kind arrived some time since at the next express office 5 miles from here bearing my name. I suppose it to contain clothing, sent from the young Ladies Benevolent society of the 1st Presbyterian church at Ashland, O, as I received a letter from the secretary of this society, stating that they prepared a variety of articels for us. I expect to bring the box home to day, and would by this express my heartfelt gratitude for your participation in this matter. I feel encouraged by such acts of christian kindness to go on in the work of our common master. May the Lord bless all our labors!

I remain for ever
Your Bro. in Christ
John H. Reints.

Address:
John H. Reinto,
Fosterburgh,
Madison Co.,
Ills.

Revd S. Jackson My Dear Bro.

I did not get your letter for some weeks after it was written. I am under lasting gratitude to you for the interest you have taken in me & my work. The missionary Secy of the Ch. in Phila. to whom you applied in my behalf, sent me & my family 3 bbls of the best winter clothing & so relieved my wants that we are well provided for. I respond to & offer to them our warmest thankfulness. & now I wish to express my gratitude to you.

In regard to the paper you mention, I will say that I have the Presbyterian paper till May next. At that time it will be stopped, because I found it impossible to pay for it. I am taking 2 or 3 others & have about all I can find time to read. I shd very much like to have the N.Y. Observer as it comes from a different section & stand point from the papers I have & second hand would be as good for me as any. You need not be to any trouble to secure me the reading so as to take up time which ought to be devoted to the interests of missionaries elsewhere.

Yours fraternally in the Gospel

Chatham P.O. Ills
Jan. 15th 1867

O. D. Caldwell

Jackson Jan 15th 1869

Dear Bro Jackson:

Yours of Dec. 28th has been delayed & was not rec'd till tonight. I was rejoiced to hear from you again & know that the battle has not used you up. In answer to your question about the papers I would say that some good lady sends me the Observer I do not know where from. It is marked Mrs H. M. Kellogg. I have taken the North Western & intend to keep it up, but still I would like to get the Phila. Presbyterian at least occasionally.

I find that the reading matter I have does me good in getting at some of these hard cases. Our

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Methodist brethren dont do much in the way of scattering tracts — & I have used the Methodist minister as a sort of 'sub' colporteur. He will take my tracts & give them brethren & I rejoice to be able to give him pure seed to sow.

I have a memorandum before me of my receipts since I came here but have not all the dates —

Beginning with your visit here they are as follows

Aug 29	Rev S. Jackson	$50.00
Sept 1st	" D.C.L. from Mrs Foster Grisby	$10.00
	From Brethren at Lynn (per Mustang's tricks)	$30.00
	Rev W. H. Boardman (per D.C.L.)	$25.00
	J. E. Gould — Philad^a	$10.00
About Dec 1st	Dr & Mrs Schenck	$25.00
" 12	From Ladies at Oratonna per Brethren	$7.00
Jan 12th	Rev J. Belville for S.S. fair	$35.00

Besides this I rec'd $12.76 from Miss Condit's Infant Class in Dover for S.S. for Sunday school purposes

I have been pretty closely questioned this winter but my little church has grown & my people encourage me by a good attendance upon the ordinances of the gospel —

But oh how sadly we need our church —! It is up hill work to get things done at all & I have had much to discourage me — but I trust it will be done by the Lord's help early ~~too~~ next season — I have given orders for 12 or 13 loads from Blankets but by means of storms, bad roads, failure to go & returning the order when I blocked for the load &c I have two loads there yet — The ~~framing~~ timber is mostly all provided for —

I feel indeed my grateful

for that Confider
part & in addition
want to tell you that
there are here three $40.00
& one $25.00 subscription (
in all) toward my support
It will mostly come out
in my living but they will
help me along now the left.
The Methodists are holding a
protracted meeting here now & there
seems to be considerable interest
manifested. I hope & pray that
there may come drippings for
us. Our church roll now
numbers 19.
Please excuse this blotted
sheet I didn't see it till I had
written three pages & we do not have
to take another
The Ogdensburg Ch. has given
me a suit of clothes & some under
clothes. But I don't think that
they think of supporting me.
I want to get away soon for a time
soon but want yet to do a few
some things here first. With best
wishes your brother in Christ
Ed. Sarah

Jan 15th 1861

Dear Sir

Your letter of Dec 28th came to hand per last mail. We were very glad to have the A. & C. boxes for Xmas and shall feel much obliged to you for it.

Sometime since you wrote to us in regard to a box of clothing. We supposed we would have received one which had been started to us but unfortunately for us we have it come to the Office at Tacoma instead of Seattle, we also intended to have I. N. Ivy instead of Isaac N. L. Ivy as directed. We have written Mr. Ivy to get it up to us but suppose not as it has been several weeks since the box was taken up to him & he has not done so. We have from Bellingham Bay, Lummi Indians Ch. & promised to use best efforts but only to keep up an office to them. Ch. was

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not yet [illegible] with last B.C. A number of letters have passed between us there before & since it was sent. How I [illegible] can point his conscience in taking that which was not his, I do not know.

We had a statement from the Ladies in part, of what it contained, from which we infer that it was a valuable box containing some dress things [illegible] (At their request we had stated to them what we most needed) The Ladies are not able to inform yet whether we will get the box or not.

Your Brother in Christ

R. L. Sypes

Bushnell Jany 18th 1869

Mr Sheldon Jackson

Dear Bro.

Your letter was thankfully received and we gladly accept your kind offer of a box of clothing I wrote accordingly to Mrs Walker New York City as you directed giving number of family &c. After this year we hope to be in better circumstances. The brethren are doing all they can to build their Church which they hope to have completed early in the spring. In support of a minister we, after this time, be comparatively easy and will feel like giving others rather than receiving aid. Hoping that God may bless your labors in behalf of the Mission Field I remain yours Co laborer in the good cause

R. F. W. [illegible]

La Crescent Minnesota
June 15th 1869

Dear Bro Jackson,

I received your note and check for 50$ last night. It relieves me very much as I think a minister may injure himself and the cause of X, among the worldly people, by neglecting up his obligations. I sincerely thank you. We have been fixing up our little church here some this winter, which of course will interest you. We have got the chandeliers, some chairs, clock, map of Palestine & X G, pulpit, and have about 40 dollars in hand painting it inside next summer. I thought this was a crooked town when I first came in it. But I have many times [illegible]

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Seems to be general. The Meeting house is usually full at all the services & prayer meeting, and attendance is much better than any Sabbath of old, and the people sustain a prayer meeting without the aid of a stated minister, and a good attendance.

Remember us to your wife,

Your Bro in X

G H C. Jones

Minneapolis Minn. Jan. 18th 1869.

Dear Bro Jackson:—

Your kind letter of the 15th inst. was received on Saturday evening. We are sincerely grateful to you for this unlooked-for kindness.

The following articles would be useful to us:—

Bedding & bed clothes,
Towels, Carpet,
Clothing for little girl 2½ yrs. old,
Under clothing for Mrs. Jackson,
Dresscoat (prefer the frock pattern)
" vest suitable for spring,
Clothes for every day wear for self,
suitable for spring or summer,

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pair drawers for self.

We do not suppose you have all the articles mentioned; but such as you have will be very acceptable & useful to us.

Mrs. Jackson's height is 5 ft.

My own " 5 ft. 6½ in.

Length of coat sleeve 21 in.
" around waist 35 "
" across shoulders 16 in
" of pants 3 ft. 5 "
" of leg of " 2 " 6 "

We have had very precious meetings in our church ever since the beginning of the week of prayer. A number of souls have been hopefully converted to God & others still are earnestly inquiring what they must do to be saved. The interest is still so great that the meetings are to be continued thro' this week. Pray for us.

Mrs. Jackson joins me kind regards to yourself & wife.

Your brother in Christ.
G. W. Jackson.

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[illegible] 5th. 18[illegible]

Dear Mr. [illegible]

We have a very good [illegible] boy of clothing &c. from Dr. Princeton's Aid, for our friends. We have on the [illegible] [illegible] for boys clothing. These boys [illegible] [illegible] old [illegible] and a great many [illegible] [illegible] of which [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of them [illegible] probably [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

Mrs. Lyons is with us. Comes to [illegible]. We have some interesting Cook Hunter now a helping to Colonel Lee. [illegible] to Col. Lee's [illegible] Mrs. [illegible]

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Preston Minn. Jan. 21st 1869

Dear Bro Jackson

Your very kind letter of 15 inst. is at hand. You are indeed too kind & thoughtful. It will be impossible for me to go to Rochester at present. Although my health has greatly improved in some respects I am subject to severe fainting or sinking spells which come on me with little warning & on any scene. I do not go far from home & my children without company. These first manifested themselves during that extreme hot weather last summer. I would love to go & see you much but dare not at present.

We will accept some clothing on the same conditions that I mentioned to you before. Namely on condition that all the other brethren who are in the work are supplied. I cannot get consent to take my journey from the church that

may be needed to carry on her great work which God so kindly calls her to do — We are in need of some clothing & if you have more than the other brethren have appropriated for will thankfully accept if you could pack it up & send to me by the stage which comes down three times a week — I append the list of a few articles most needed.

One overcoat & plain day coat for self — flannel underclothing for self. —
For Mr R. a plain neat day coat & merino underclothing —
For children underclothing — Charlie is 4 ft & 8 in. high — Agnes Grant is 3 ft. 8 in high — — Dress & aprons for Agnes — — Milk any bed clothing & coarse Towels — a spring stock for Mrs R —

Let me repeat again do not rob yourself or others — Plain clothing will can make use of as we expect to be quite farm men & women soon — When I hope, if I live, to have a home. To welcome you & others anytime & as long a time as you wish.

Bro Stead tells me that you expected to leave Rochester — sorry to hear that hope you will still be among us —

Fraternally & gratefully yours

A. S. Kenyon

I really have not the money to pay the taxes on it land! The amount is $5.68

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January 28th,1869.

Copy of resolutions unanimously adpted by the members of First Presbyterian Church of Rochester, Minn. at a meeting held Jan. 28th,1869.

RESOLVED: That while we as a Church and congregation,accept the resignation of our Pastor, Rev. Sheldon Jackson, and unite with him in petitioning the Presbytery of Southern Minnesota for a dissolution ofthe pastoral relation that has heretofore existed between us, we would take this opportunity to express our deep and grateful sense of his earnest and faithful labors among us.

RESOLVED: That the labors of Mr. Jackson have been greatly blessed during the five years of his pastorate here and many we hope have been brought to a saving knowledge of the truth, and the Church has been greatly increased and stregthened.

RESOLVED: That while we regret the separation that is to take place, he and his family will have the prayers and best wishes of this church and congregation for their prosperity and success in the wide field of usefulness to which in the Providence of God, he is called.

RESOLVED: That a copy of these resolutions be presented to Mr. Jackson, and a copy sent to the Presbytery of Southern Minnesota.

James Elder,
Pres.

P. N. Titus,
Secretary.

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Winona
Feb 1st 1869

My Dear Bro.

The package of Clothing per Express came to hand on Saturday morning & gave us the sensations for the first time, we have often read of, on the opening of a mission box — We feel very grateful to you for your kindness — The clothing will all be very useful to us — Mrs Adams was here & we gave her one of the dresses which she said was just what she wanted —
I enclose a note of acknowledgement to the worthy donor in Philadelphia
I will try to come up to your Presbytery next week & will hope to see you then — Meanwhile adieu!
Yours in love Jos. M. McMully

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Feb. 4th 1869

Dear Bro Jackson

With this find a letter of acknowledgement as you dictated. The package came in this week — also find the receipt of the County Treasurer for your taxes —

I accept my hearty thanks for your kind efforts in our behalf — I don't know how I can ever pay you or the other gentlemen there I know — but if I don't pay there is one who will pay — Mr Kimpel refuses with me over to Mr Jackson

Very Truly & Fraternally

A. J. Kimpel

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Marion Feb 6th 69

Rev — Jackson
Rochester Minnesota

Dear Bro

I forwarded box to Rev W. L. Sunn some weeks since I wrote him to Algona Iowa as soon as I discovered the error & awaited answer, but received none I then forwarded to Sunn supposing he had left Algona & gone to Sunn He is a Cousin. but we have not corresponded since my return from the South. What is his P.O. adress I was at West Union Fayett Co a few days since I found Bro Dickey laboring to build up a church there The field is indeed an important one & surely ought to be nurtured

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The want of a little aid
from the Board has lost to us
some of the most important
fields in Northern Iowa
Near one half of the best Presb
element I knew in this &
surrounding Counties when I
used to Preach to & go in
N Iowa has gone into the
Congregational & Cumberland
Presbyterian churches
Much of it might & ought to
have been saved to the Presb
church & in it would have
accomplished more for Glory
of God & salvation of souls
I once knew its exact Presbyte-
rian strength. My health &
frequent absence for ~~some~~
years makes me now only
to be a silent spectator
I took my Dismission from
Lafayette Presb since close of
Rebellion

to place myself in this but as
yet have not I think
seriously of returning south
with my family
Should duty call you this
way I shall be glad to have
you enjoy my rural
home & communicate
with you in reference to
the Masters work
I have 6 girls & one Son
all with us but aproaching
the time some of them that
they may be the scatered
element of the future Presbyte-
rian church in part
We are not in need of a box
Yours Truly
D Lyons

Your note is mislaid I cant call
initials

Minneapolis Minn. Feb 8th 1869.
Dear Bro Jackson,

The package of clothing & groceries was received last Tuesday. I would have acknowledged the receipt of it sooner had I been able. Took a severe cold a week ago which has made me feel badly ever since. I feel some better however this morning. Think the cold is broken.

We certainly feel grateful to you, our dear brother, for your kind remembrance of us. Every thing

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you sent us will prove quite useful. Mrs. Jackson says to tell you she feels quite rich. Fannie has already taken an ocean of pleasure out of the dolls & dishes. She sets her table, pours out her tea, drinks it, & occasionally hands one to mamma & papa.

The clothing you sent me fits quite well. The overcoat was quite providential. I needed it, but I did not mention it, not wishing to seem "greedy."

We are about buying a little home of our own. Expect to be in it, Providence permitting, about the first of April. We should be glad to have a visit from you & family during the summer. Please make our house your home when you come to Minneapolis.

The interest in our church still continues. Bro Savage is here assisting. Seven more persons — all heads of families — united with the church yesterday.

With kind regards to yourself & family I remain

Your Bro in Christ

G. W. Jackson.

Lansing Iowa Feb 15th 1869

Brother Jackson

The "aforesaid" parcel came safely to hand last week. Many thanks to you for your kindness. The $5 was in the pocket. I will write to the lady whose address you give, and send with this. For a few weeks I have been quite unwell, and not able to attend to business matters; am now getting better. I will draw up the memoranda requested and forward to you

Who preaches in Rochester now? Where will you reside when doing work in Northern Iowa?

We must have a man for Rossville, if possible. Can't you direct one to us?

The German work goes on well. The Congregationalists regret their erroneous casting the German Effort overboard.

Bro Crawford has a difficulty in S

his nose that threatens to be a cancer
has gone to Chicago to consult with a
surgeon there in relation to it.

I shall expect to see you down the
way by the opening of navigation.

Chloe sends regards to you
and Mrs Jackson.

Yours fraternally
J Frothingham

If a word from you would render
the enclosed letter more effective, and you
were inclined to make a favorable mention
(by way of "reference") I am not too modest
to ask you to do it. I am involved deeply
by the assumption of this work, and my
own payments on the church, and should
gratefully accept any such relief as lies
at in the letter. My salary is less than
$400. This year, as last, and you may
how close we have to manage, with de
bts and borrowed money to offset
the saving of house rent.

James Frothingham. Lansing, Iowa.
Eye, small. 5 ft 3 in. heavy.
Head, 7 1/8. foot measure, 6 1/2 small.

Chloe Frothingham. small. 5 ft.
Shoe No 4.

Harold. 10 yrs. medium size. shoe no 11
Eleanor 8 " " "
Herbert 6 " "
Ethel. Twenty months

Waukesha Wis 17 Feb. "69

Dear Bro. Jackson

Since I came home (?) I have felt so tired that I have been unfit for any thing, and hence have not written to you of my work at Jackson Minnesota —

When I found my out from under pressure of demands of my field upon my energies. I began to feel effects of nine months constant strain upon my strength — and I fear if I were allowed long to remain under kind attentions of my good mother & sister I should be-

come rather useless
Altho' it is a little incon-
venient to be pushed I feel
that Lord has been gracious
in placing me just
where I have been placed
where I have been under
necessity of working.
It ~~has~~ rather embar-
rasses me as I hear so much
commendation of my perseve-
rance on my field, as I
feel that it is wholly
unmerited; for Lord
in His providence led me
out there, kept me from
seeing trials and discour-
agements wh. I have en-
countered till they were
right upon me — And so
I have all time been
fighting present difficulties
not borrowing future
troubles —
So my
dear Brother, I feel that
my continuance on my
field, in spite of many trials,
is not due to my dogged
perseverance (tho' I confess
to some propriety in appel-
lation I used to receive at
home "Old Stubborn"),
but it is due to God's goodness
in keeping me there.
Though I am still
alive and expect to live some
time yet to labor on my
mission field, I do not
feel that I can claim
to have exercised simple
faith of George Müller —
I must say, however, that I
do feel that I have been just as truly
sustained by Divine arm,
as ever Müller or even Elijah
was — And I think I

can truly say that I ex-
pect, as long as I serve Gd
in endeavoring to preach His
gospel to the poor, that m
daily wants will be s
plied. Still, however,
feel that this faith i
been so plainly forced
on me, in God's provid
that I have no credit
for it — In thinking
my experience I have fr
thought of a certain
acter in one of Mrs. Stow
popular stories that seem
to me to be appropriate
my case — An old
maid standing upon
sea shore anxiously wat
a little nephew struggl
for life in waves ou
of her reach, realizing her
helplessness, turned to

other and clasping her hands in pious fervor exclaimed "Wäal I dont see as we can do any thing else, so Let's trust / Lord" —

And so it really seems to have been with me — I dont claim to be Aunt or Uncle but simply / servant of my little church, but I have been anxiously watching its struggling with / waves of poverty & discouragements — and I have waded in myself considerably — (I have not been unconcerned) but having no Board to cling to, I have been unable to get out a great way (not being a good financial swimmer)

& have been compelled to say with Mrs. Stowe's heroine "Well as I cant do any thing I will trust / Lord" -

And I have seen thus for that it is not in vain to trust / Lord even after unworthily trying to do / work first myself -

Sometimes my good brother Cowing ~~would~~ has seemed to get tired of struggling, and at other times I have felt very "blue" but / Lord has not suffered all of us to lie quiet at any one time - When one would get tired out the others seemed to strike all / more earnestly; & so by / overruling providence of God we have been kept afloat & I trust shall be, before long, safely moored on / solid shore of financial independence - ("not independent of / Lord, but by his blessing independent of pecuniary help from our fellow Christians)

And even while we are struggling ~~with~~ for life, we purpose to gather as much floating material as we can & send it to Philadelphia & New York, so as to have an interest in those good old rafts (Boards) that / Lord has established & we hope is enlarging, to keep weak churches from drowning - Though we have been left to struggle without even a chip of aid from these ecclesiastic-

al buoys, we thank the
Lord for occasionally sen
ing us a stick of dr
wood and for develop
our swimming ability
so ~~Da~~ that we were ab
to spare a small chip
to help to keep up / sw
ing Board -

But my dear Broth
here I am again drift
ing from my point
If you will par
this digression I wi
endeavor to make a
simple statement of /
progress / Lord has
abled us to make "out
"the jumping off plac
When I we
to Jackson last June
I found very little en

agement; if no prospect of support is a discouragement.

The people had preaching in a little school-house, once in three weeks, by a Methodist Minister from the Iowa Conference — I found a few Presbyterians & after scouring prairies for a few weeks I found 21 persons who signed a petition to Presbytery for organization of a Presbyterian Church — Only 10 of these got out to organization and since then some of them have moved away and others for want of any team but a

yoke of oxen have been kept from getting in –

Since my ordination (Sept 28th) we have recd six additional ones on certificate and three on profession making our present membership 19 — And I expect soon after my return to receive several others –

The people generally were so poor that they had to live in most uncomfortable circumstances and of course could not be expected to take hold very enthusiastically of a church enterprise.

They were however very eager to hear the gospel & glad to have a minister among them. I have found such warm hearts and such cordial welcome among even the poorest families living in sad hovels & "gopher holes", that I feel that even were it necessary to struggle along for years with the prospect of no improvement in the comforts of living, it would be hard to leave the field. And now as it is, with so much improvement as our people are making every way & the cheering prospect of growth both in the church & in the town, I feel that I could not leave unless I saw another man take my place who would prove more acceptable and profitable to my people –

In the matter of church building we have endeavored to move on safely & now we have the material

for putting up & enclosing
& flooring & partly finishing
our house, all secured &
paid for & with / aid I
am confident of getting
we will be able soon to
complete a neat little
Church 24 X 40 — feet —
I intend to make one
our elders who is a fine
architect, furnish a design
for finishing / inside. He
has partly promised to do
so — We have
some indications of God's
favor during / past few
months — I dislike
to leave at / time I do
on account of a deep seri-
ousness with some of our
people — but I trust
that / Lord will watch
over them. The Mo

is N.) Minister will preach there every Sabbath and our only Elder - Bro Cowing - conducts our Wednesday evening prayer meetings while I am gone He reads to them from Dr. Guthries lecture on Parables - I begin to feel as if I could hardly stay away as long as it will take to accomplish my mission here, - & I think likely I shall cut short my visit at home, so as to get back before winter breaks up

But now I must close as I have an engagement in town this evening.

But before closing I must thank you &

Mr Jackson in behalf of my little flock as well as for myself, for the beautiful communion service I found at Owatonna for our Church.

I assure you my dear brother that the people will all gratefully appreciate this kind demonstration of your interest in their spiritual welfare - and I feel very grateful for I know it will make them feel more earnest in building up the cause, to feel they have such warm friends among the brethren of our Church. May the Lord reward you both, in rich blessings, both spiritually and temporally.

In my inconveniences such as having no study &c I have yet room to improve my condition. I will have to build a "wigwam" soon or I shall run short in my sermons - I dont worry however for I think if the Lord thinks I must have a house, I will get the necessary means to build in some way, and if not I will have to wait - I guess that stone I used to sit on last summer out on the hill side, will be ~~succeptible~~ accessible when the snow goes off - And perhaps my old landlady's babies will get wisdom as they increase in years & wont be so vociferous as to make me seek quietude along the hillside. Time

will tell. "Sufficient unto / day is / evil thereof"—

With kind regards to Mr Jackson & hoping to hear from you soon, I am very sincerely

Your brother in-

Edward Sava

Per G.

Copied by E.B.G. 26th Feb 1869

Austin Minn Mar 13 1869

Rev. S. Jackson

Dear Sir & Bro,

Your favor of the 25th Feby, advising me of the shipment of S. S. Books reached here some time since, and would have been promptly acknowledged had I not been absent at the time it came. The books have also arrived and are a valuable addition to our library. We expect on tomorrow to receive three or four new members into the Church. With many thanks for the books and for your kind care in sending them I remain.

Respectfully your Bro,

R. J. Rankin

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[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

My dear Bro:

You have appeared a very [illegible] and appreciable relief to the [illegible] received. I hesitated [illegible] I had vainly endeavored to borrow money. And as the debt was in connection with the [illegible] department, it was so very important to avoid [illegible] to get it removed.

Please convey my sincerest thanks to the brethren [illegible] Rooms in the Gospel [illegible]

S

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(March 1869?)

S

McKee

Cincinnati March 11/67

Your letter came in due time & was welcome. We're really glad to hear of your whereabouts. Your Programme was a new kink. The world still moves, I reckon we Old School Presbyterians are too staid in our habits, so I often think of late, I rejoice in your success at Rochester & in regions round about. I spent last Winter at Cambridge City. But it was not healthy & we were afraid to settle there & hence came here in June last. We are 5 miles back from Cincinnati. We shall soon know whether we settle permanently here. We have

Hear on the other hand, I am very anxious to know whether you are there or not. Have you any news to give me? Have you any idea of the present position of affairs? Are you in a quiet place? Are you in a state of peace? Are you in a state of war? Let me hear from you. Yours truly, W. McKee

Address Rev. W. McKee
to Pleasant Ridge
Ohio

had a delightful religious interest, 33 additions on profession. We hope for others. May the Lord speed the work. Do you correspond with Bro. Strong. He is becoming a Writer. His "Epistolary Invitation" "A Working Church" "How to give" & a compendium to the "Church Union" Brother Strong is rather a strong man intellectually & morally. Mrs M's health has been good as usual for her, still never very good. This climate suits her apparently as well as Minnesota & she very much better. The writer in regards, begs very kind regards to your lady teachers of our old acquaintance. By the way, who is Crook who told you of us & who has state-Does the line run out Cambridge city. Those statistics you request

" The field, in extent, is sufficient for an Empire. The Synod of N. P. embraces the whole of Minn. 1/3 of Wis. & a fraction of Michigan making a territory of nearly 100.000 square miles, or nearly 8 times the size of Palestine — 1/3 larger than the six New England States & about as large as the two little states of New York & Pennsylvania

So much for extent.

In position & Natural advantages it will compare well with the most favorably situated of our new States." It occupies (says a writer) the most elevated surface between the Gulf of Mexico & the Arctic Sea, forming the watershed of three of the greatest basins of North America (by the Mississippi, the St. Lawrence & the Winnipeg Bay"). Its atmosphere is dry & bracing. Han-

healthfulness, natural beauty & variety of scenery it is not surpassed, if at all equalled by any sister state, new or old. For natural agricultural resources for a region so far North it has no rival. East of the Rocky mountains. And these are still surpassed by its advantages for manufacturing. Ship ways to the British provinces of the North & the enchanted gold regions of the West. Give its surface navigable streams & opening Railroads penetrate it in every direction bestowing so many & such large advantages it becomes an inviting home to the settler. A place of resort to the pleasure seeker & the invalid in search of health & a place of interest to the passing stranger!! Out of enough of this you can file up. The column is somewhat abbreviated from the original. If you cannot read it come over & I will help you.

Yours Fraternally

J. A. Allen

P.S. Most of the statistics & data would be of no use now, such is the result of progress! —

come so late. The weather
was so wet that we had
chapel in the hall & I
fear that the attendance
of boys was not very
large. I hope & trust
that the sermons
preached last Tuesday
will have a good
effect. Let us
hear it is your choice that we
preach the selected sermons.
Please understand that the
arrangements are
selected. Yesterday we
had a very
[illegible]
[illegible]
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[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

Yours affectionately
H. N. Hughes

S

Observe the Sabbath.

"*I have ever found* (writes Chief Justice Hale,) that a due observance of Sunday has ever joined to it a blessing upon the rest of my time; and the week that has so begun has been blessed and prosperous to me. And on the other hand, when I have been negligent of the duties of this day, the rest of the week has been unsuccessful and unhappy to my own secular employments, so that I could easily make an estimate of my successes of the week following, by the manner of my passing this day; and I do not write this lightly, but by long and sound experience."

God will signally honor the proper observance of this day, and will as signally frown upon its desecration.

Self-interest, then, if no higher motive, should secure the Sabbath against any diversion, by us, from the sacred purpose to which God has devoted it.

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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Austin, Minn., January, 1868.

Rev. S. Jackson,
Dear Sir

Evan N. J.
Princeton N. J.
Apr. 13th 1861.

Mr. Spencer.

My very excellent Friend.

How can I express my gratitude sufficiently for the interest you have taken in my behalf?

Your kind letter was waiting for me, and I was very much surprised to also receive more — through your hand.

I am every day more and more understanding the great blessings which have been showered before me. I [illegible] have expressed to me. [illegible]

[illegible] thrown away, but that in the [illegible] you will see the fruits [illegible] to me, and that I, [illegible] God [illegible] in some manner repay the debt of gratitude which I owe to different sources.

I [illegible] you [illegible] sickly and miserable I am, without the strengthening influences of Him "who doeth all things well."

Remember, that what you have done for me shall [illegible] a reaction! I do not [illegible] that I am as successful in teaching, as I wish, but I will put my whole strength, to perfect myself in music, so, that if this is my first, feeble experience, my second will give more satisfaction, for I am determined that I shall thoroughly qualify myself with everything belonging to the profession, so that I may take my place [illegible].

The school has "dwindled off" considerably. The Principal Teacher has gone home to Philadelphia, not to return, so Miss Mary Hale teaches in the schoolroom herself, and very few scholars attend. No minister as yet has been called to this Church. East Salem, Pa. Sister [illegible] (Agent of B. S.) preached in Br. Hale's pulpit, and a collection was taken up, amounting to eighty nine dollars, ($89) and afterwards thirty two ($32) were added, from a single individual.

Give Mrs. Hale and her compliments. Give my warmest love to Mrs. Jackson, and tell her that I am going to write to her immediately.

Trusting that the Divine God will bless you wherever [illegible] and reward you as you [illegible] deserve, I remain respectfully Yours, Marie S. Crafts.

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]
[illegible] at the [illegible]
[illegible] I can [illegible] and
[illegible] upon.

In the [illegible] of [illegible] a letter from Dr. [illegible] dictated by you, I [illegible] Dr. Speakman, but was at [illegible] your [illegible] of Dr. [illegible] & [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] & [illegible]. But as the time was so short and so precious that you have to be [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to you without [illegible].

I have [illegible] a [illegible] to be held at Rockville, to receive [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

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Gospel

W. S. Wilson

Chatfield
Aug 23

Dear Brother Jackson

Our Meeting at Albert Lea was very pleasant and the Christians there took in Sister Brother Abbott & Paxton preached the dedication sermon & gave the Orgs to the people. The house being free all day. The debt was all assumed & the 2 were given $500. were for burning

& fitting all generally.
The Church is upholstered throughout - A thousand in every pew & from twenty to thirty chancel chairs -

We assume unanimously the leaders of Christian - Although we dis-tinctly - It is unfortunate that you & Brother George can't be at our Synod - Send us your letter elsewhere & we

after that - as the Council you to act with us thus -

Dear Brother is very - Whom assume in trying just what you claim & we were in regard to - the Church of Rev. J. L. Mason

But can you from that he is here on the ground with a Committee as Distinct Working for Good & Mission - So he claims -

The Brother Abram & Dem Leon are in

Chiquet & Lay it is
is not to be borne
I shall go on
as above Synod
Meets - & wait for
their expulsion -
better
You have better
Land or report to
Dr Paxton - Albert
best Lee - the money
or a rebuke of it
that was appropriated
to defraying the expense
of Leaphers for Albert Lea
The Dr Evidently thought

They were present
& witness the signing
of the agreement —

I suppose you intend
to write —

We should be
at St Paul's after
the first of Sept —

Wife & Fanny are
visiting now at St
Charles —

By the way
Martha Clarke was
one of the greatest
belles on the Wi-
nooski & St P. Road
celebrated 4 weeks
ago — & most of clubs
Thanksgiving will end

icute in about 3 weeks
Wife is not very
there nor is Mrs
Crum –

J. L. Meador reports
that you are at
St Louis with
the family –

How is that?

With love to
them all & prayer
for God's blessing
to be with you
Yours truly
Lol Lyon

D. C. Lyon

COPY.

Westminster Presbyterian Church, Minneapolis, Sept. 28, 1869

Rev. S. Jackson,

Dear Sir:

The Synod of St. Paul adopted the following paper on Monday after your return home.

"The Synod of St. Paul in answer to the invitations of the Board as to the necessities of the Board at the present time, beg leave to suggest most respectfully that in view of the depletion of the treasury, if the Board see the way clear to the employment in some capacity of the Rev. Sheldon Jackson we think it would be very advantageous in as much as we have often found him to have a remarkable tact in interesting Churches in the cause of Missions, and awakening interest in behalf of destitutions in missionary regions, and in soliciting and collecting funds in their aid. In this respect we think he has few if any superiors in the Church. And we believe he would be willing to serve the cause of Christ in this, or any way to which the Providence of God may call him.

And we beg leave to suggest farther that this recommendation is spontaneous and not the result of any communication with him. And of this action he is entirely ignorant."

(signed) John L. Gage,

Temporary Clerk

Synod St. Paul,

1869.

Westminster Church,

Minneapolis.

1671

[illegible] are at the bottom
of the Cauldron, and are doing
[illegible] Employment be
[illegible] a day or two since
that you would not be able [illegible]
[illegible] be Employed as Dis. Nurse.
[illegible]

that have been made, but I have reason to believe that one is a boast on your part, on the floor of Presbytery, that you had received and dispursed more than the Board, touchin the Bounds of this ~~Synod~~ Presbytery. Be assured every thing will be done that can be done to oppose you.

A little note appeared in the Local Column of the Rock. Post, stating your resignation of your Charge to accept the Secretaryship of the Board. That has been cut out and sent up to this place, possibly for to the Board.

I am not unwilling to write to Dr Musgrave, if you think best, stating my convictions, and the facts that I want to hear from you first. Please let me know immediately.

The U. S. Obs. took the points chiefly of my communication, I was glad to get as much in as they admitted but not quite so tinged with the mutilation. I have since sent an article to the Banner stating the condition of things with reference to Cincinnati, and Sandusky. It should have been in last week's paper; but one from "Itasca" appeared instead, and I am satisfied.

If you have opportunity to ascertain let me know the cost of a small hand press. "Coy Presses" I think they are called. I think I could use one with advantage, if not too expensive. For Cards, tracts, &c. And for my boy. Of course I want type, &c, &c. But if it is not convenient, let it alone.

"C." whom I take to be McLaren of Detroit, is after "B." in the North Western. "B." is Dr. Boardman of Philadelphia.

Let me hear if you need any service of mine.

Yours in the Gospel: W. Wilson

W. A. Jones

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Lake City Minn.
Dec. 27th 1869.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson.

My dear Brother
your note of inquiry Dec. 20
is in hand and allow
me to say that the
Presbyterian comes all
right — for your kindness
in having it forwarded
you have my thanks.
This is a pretty cold
part of the country —
hard to keep warm —
more it will for the severe
cold we would like this
place very much —
My congregation is growing
fast — I am informed by all
that it never was in a more

prosperous state – The
attendance on public worship
is good both morning &
evening – The Sab. School
is also greatly increased.
Every thing looks prosperous
With God's blessing I
have no fear of succeeding
here – The cold is the
only drawback –
Could you not obtain
for me a church in
some warmer region?
Try & let me hear from
you –

Yours faithfully
in Christ
Hugh Wallace Jun.